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A man jogs past the former site of the Liberation Day carnival grounds at Fishing Base in Garapan. People have resumed using the Beach Road pathway for walking and exercise after local agencies and U.S. troops cleaned up the area of debris left behind by Typhoon Soudelor.

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Car hits family of 4 at crosswalk

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Four members of a family were injured, one seriously, when a car rammed them as they were crossing a marked crosswalk along Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa on Saturday night.

A 24-year-old woman sustained serious injuries and was admitted to the intensive care

unit at the Commonwealth

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Star Marianas denies its plane 'died' in midair

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Star Marianas Airlines president Shaun Christian denied yesterday a rumor swirling in social media that one of its airplanes "died" in midair after taking off last Friday afternoon from Tinian.

"The engine didn't die," Christian said.

Last Friday, a source contact-

ed *Saipan Tribune* saying that a Star Marianas plane departed from Tinian at 2pm and "was about 200 feet in the air when

the engine died."

"The pilot managed to glide the aircraft and landed [it] safely. Another pilot inspected the

plane upon landing. He muttered that the plane was out of fuel. Continued negligence

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Obama observes Labor Day, extends contractors' paid leave

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Showing solidarity with workers on Labor Day, President

Barack Obama will sign an executive order Monday requiring paid sick leave for employees of federal contractors, including 300,000 who currently receive none.

The White House wouldn't specify the cost to federal contractors to implement the executive order, which Obama was to address at a major union

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‘I have yet to receive help from FEMA and Red Cross’

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More than a month after Typhoon Soudelor ravaged Saipan and less than a month before registration for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ends, 64-year-old Jose Igisomar has yet to receive assistance from FEMA as well as the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

The reasons for the Chalan Lau Lau resident not receiving aid yet is simple—he has no transportation and no landline to contact FEMA or ARC.

Igisomar lost everything. Since Soudelor blew away the roof of his semi-concrete home, everything he owns is now wet, damaged, and in different stages of disrepair.

What’s worse is he can barely walk and has diabetes and high blood pressure.

His niece, who lives just 20 feet away from the backyard of his home, also has a damaged house. Fortunately, she and her boyfriend had sought shelter before the typhoon and were recently staying at the Arts Council. However, with the Arts Council now closed and with no other place to go to, she is now staying at a sister’s house with her two kids.



Jose Igisomar shows the container that he uses to keep necessary items from getting wet inside his room. The room has an open roof and everything from clothes, to mattress, to other room items are wet.

JAYSON CAMACHO

Speaking on condition of anonymity, she said FEMA and the Red Cross didn’t inspect Igisomar’s house because he didn’t register.

“We got help from ARC and FEMA. They inspected our house, but they didn’t even care to check my uncle’s house because he didn’t register. Where is the assistance? His house is totally damaged,” she said.

“We see him all the time

cleaning the area. He still locks his room despite the roof [being] gone. Everything is wet,” she added.

Igisomar’s house, along with more than 15 houses in the area, is near wetlands. With the area filled with water everywhere, mosquitoes have been their biggest problem.

Igisomar’s neighbor, Francisca Miller, has opened her house to neighbors and one of

her relatives. She herself sustained some damage, with the roof of her veranda torn off and the ceiling damaged. They have repaired it with a used tin that they salvaged. They have also built a secondary kitchen in her backyard because they have yet to have power.

FEMA and ARC have also inspected her house, which is only 40 feet away from Igisomar’s home, while two other

neighbors are some 100 feet away from his backyard.

Igisomar said that although he doesn’t own the house—his sister does—he stays there to maintain it and he can’t claim anything and can’t receive assistance because of lack of transportation to go to the Disaster Recovery Center and ARC or a landline to call both agencies.

“They were here to check my niece’s house and my neighbor’s, but not mine. They didn’t even help me,” he said.

A Community Outreach Recovery Effort member, along with a nurse who visited the area yesterday, reached out to him and will be helping him out so he could register and get the assistance he needs.

USP4GG gives out relief items to residents

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Members of the U.S. Pinoyos for Good Governance-Marianas chapter distributed relief items to Saipan residents last Saturday.

Bags containing fresh fruits, vegetables, snacks, rice, cooking oil, and canned goods were distributed.

According to USP4GG-Marianas Chapter chair Dr. Celia Lamkin, the items were worth over \$1,000.

Some residents lined up as early as 2am at the distribution site in front of the Liberty Store in Garapan.

USP4GG was able to serve 156 residents on a first-come,

first-served basis.

“It is a moral thing to do to help and provide assistance and support to those who are in need and more especially during the time of disaster. Many have lost jobs and homes because of the typhoon. We are all brothers and sisters regardless of our religion, nationality, ethnicity and citizenship. We just have to help one another and help rebuild our community,” Lamkin said.

Lamkin thanked those who helped their cause especially their members in Guam as well as their supporters Dr. Clarita Robles of Saipan and Roy Adonay for Guam.

“Let us continue to pray for the full and speedy recovery of Saipan,” Lamkin added.

JRM: Tinian ranges OK’d in Guam buildup deferred until CJMT completed

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Joint Region Marianas has clarified the status of Tinian firing ranges that are included as part of the military’s “Guam buildup” project that was approved in a Record of Decision late last month.

“Although the four ranges on Tinian were addressed in the 2010 [environmental impact statement] and [the Record of Decision] and are not affected by the 2012 Roadmap Adjustments, they remain deferred pending the outcome of the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS,” JRM public affairs officer Lt. Tim Gorman

told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gorman was referring to the 2010 environmental impact statement that finalized “small-arms” firing ranges on Tinian. These plans were part of the Guam buildup project, but that project in Guam did not move forward until the supplemental impact review in 2012 was completed last month.

The 2010 Record of Decision laid out that “four live-fire training ranges will be built on Tinian: a platoon battle course; an automated combat pistol/military police firearms qualification course; rifle known distance range; and a field firing range.”

But the “CNMI Joint Military Project” came a few years after the 2010 Guam EIS was approved, in 2013, essentially expanding the small-arms scope of the Tinian ranges into four range complexes inclusive of artillery, grenade, and high-impact zones. The CJMT project, as it is called, also proposes leasing the entire island of Pagan for live-fire training there.

Gorman was also asked if any of the Guam buildup funding—which was approved by Congress and also backed by reported billions of dollars from Japan—could go to construction of ranges in the CNMI, but

no clear answer could be had as of press time.

The Guam project entails the relocation of thousands of U.S. Marines from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam.

The U.S. Department of Navy says the purpose and need for the proposed action is to ensure that the relocated Marines are organized, trained, and equipped to satisfy individual live-fire training requirements. The Navy says they also need to establish an operational U.S. Marine

Corps presence in Guam is set by April 2012 military “realignment” agreements with Japan.

Fundraiser seeks to help children

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Shirts are being sold as part of an effort to raise funds to help children who were affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

“I came up with this idea about a week after the typhoon,” resident and volunteer Antonio R. Cabrera said.

He said he decided to sell shirts after hearing his neighbors’ concerns that schools are opening up and that they lost books, writing notebooks, and other school supplies to the typhoon.

Cabrera said he aims to sell

1,000 shirts to help about 600 kids and give them new school supplies to use for at least one semester.

He said he wants to identify those who lost their houses and help those who have children.

“The focus is the kids,” Cabrera added.

As of now, pre-orders are being made for the post-Typhoon Soudelor T-shirt fundraiser.

T-shirts (small, medium and large) cost \$20 each while the extra large and double extra large are \$22 each.

Cabrera seeks to target those from off-island who want to



purchase the shirts and help in the relief effort. Those interested may purchase via a Pay Pal account, money order, cashier’s check, or Western Union.

More details of Cabrera’s post Typhoon Soudelor T-shirt fundraiser project can be found on his Facebook page: facebook.com/antonio.r.cabrera.

Consulting parties for divert project review findings of historical impact

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Local consulting parties are reviewing the U.S. Air Force’s findings of impact on historical landmarks of a planned divert airfield project on Saipan, Tinian, or on both islands.

The Air Force has asked for a deadline of Oct. 15, 2015, for the CNMI to respond to these findings, which are part of Sec. 106 consultation process of the National Historic Preservation Act. That law requires federal agencies to account for the effects of their proposed undertakings on historic sites.

The Air Force has set three options on the table for review. A modified Tinian alternative, a modified Saipan alternative, and a fairly new “hybrid” alternative, which was socialized among military and local leaders earlier this year.

The Air Force’s latest proposed findings were still circulating among consulting parties last week, after the Pacific Air Forces, under the U.S. Air Force, finalized their report on Aug. 14 and shared it among several parties and a local media contact.

“...The Air Force finds that the proposed action would [have] no direct adverse effect on contributing elements to the Aslito/Isley Field, of the Saipan Landing Beaches [a national

historical landmark], Aslito/Isley Field, Marpi Point National Historic Landmark [NHL] or other historic properties on Saipan,” writes U.S. Air Force Col. Michael R. Cardoza.

“However, the USAF finds that certain proposed actions in the various alternatives could have an adverse effect on the American Administration-period West Field site on Tinian and possible indirect adverse effect on the setting and feeling of the Aslito/Isley Field National Historic District on Saipan.”

These sites are designated for their association with United States’ and Japan’s use of them during World War II.

Saipan Tribune learned there has been a push from within local consulting agencies to urge the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to request a Sec. 213 report from the National Park Service on the impacts of the divert project.

If the Advisory Council thinks it necessary, it can request a report from the National Park Service under the Department of the Interior for a detailed report on potential impacts to landmark properties.

As there are two major historic properties on Saipan and Tinian, all the cumulative effects—from the military’s separate live-fire project, to the divert airfield project—could be further considered.

Senate adopts \$145M budget figure for FY 2016

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The Senate has formally adopted Gov. Eloy S. Inos' proposed \$145-million figure for general appropriations.

In an emergency session last Friday, senators unanimously adopted the House of Representatives' concurrent resolution to set the revenue and resources amount for fiscal year 2016.

The House and Senate are expected to meet today to continue budget conference talks to resolve differences over their varying ways of divvying up of budget.

Pursuant to law, the Senate

and House usually formally agree to a budget figure before drafting their versions of the budget. But the Senate adoption of a budget last Friday came after this process.

"Typically that's the order of the way we should have done it," said Sen. Jude Hofschneider, (R-Tinian), Senate fiscal committee chairman and Senate chairman for the conference committee. "We were supposed to have an audience with the Secretary of Finance, but due to the two concurrent situations with the Internet [network



Hofschneider

outage and Typhoon Soudelor]...we kind of passed that phase. But nevertheless, we take full responsibility and acknowledge it and pass it."

"It is very important to recognize that it is \$145 million general appropriations," he said.

Asked if last Friday's vote meant a change in their position, Hofschneider said, "Absolutely not."

The legislators must agree on a \$154-million budget before the end of the month to avoid a government shutdown.

The main point of contention appears to be between

the House and Senate's interpretation of the law that would either allow or disallow the Legislature to use money not set as "subject to appropriations."

In the Senate budget, senators invoke a "notwithstanding clause" to direct the Marianas Visitors Authority to transfer about \$2.5 million in earmarked funds to the local hospital, the Commonwealth Health Center, and Divisions of Customs.

The House asserts that the use of earmarked funds conflicts with the NMI Constitution

The Public School System has also expressed its disdain

for what they see as an over-reach of legislative authority within the Senate budget bill, which PSS believes would

"decentralize" spending authority from the Education Commissioner and give this to school principals.

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McDonald's Saipan donates to Salvation Army

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McDonald's Saipan donated

cash to the Salvation Army yesterday at their branch on Middle Road.

The management of the fast

food chain gave \$1,000 to Salvation Army to help with their recovery efforts on island due to Typhoon Soudelor's impact.

"When I heard about the work that the Salvation Army was doing at their Soup Kitchen and learned about the over-

whelming amount of people that they've served over the weeks, I was moved to help contribute to their cause," said McDonald's Saipan president/owner Joe Ayuyu.

"On behalf of my family, this is a help to the Salvation Army," owner Marcia Ayuyu said, "We were thinking of a way to help out so we decided just to give the money so it can help them purchase food."

According to McDonald's Mable Ayuyu, this donation marks the first cash donation that McDonald's has made to an organization supporting typhoon relief efforts.

"Our goal with this donation was to donate to an organization that has helped to provide direct assistance to those in need, immediately following Typhoon Soudelor. We recognize the hard work that the Salvation Army

has done over the past month and are proud to support them as they move toward providing long-term recovery to our community," Mable Ayuyu said.

Salvation Army's Pastor Wayne Gillespie said they are grateful for the donation.

"We're very happy and proud to work with the folks at McDonald's. The Ayuyu family and their team are involved in the local community," Gillespie said.

Gillespie also commended Mable Ayuyu, chairwoman of the Saipan Young Professionals, for their volunteer work at the soup kitchen. He noted that SYP is among those who helped Salvation Army with their mass feeding program right from the beginning.

"We appreciate her efforts as well as the other members," Gillespie said.



ISLANDWIDE CLEANUP

Chief Justice Alexandro Castro and Presiding Judge Robert Naraja pick up typhoon debris during the Judiciary's cleanup on Friday. Justices and judges led the removal of debris and cleanup at the Judicial Complex in Susupe on Friday.

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OBAMA

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rally and breakfast in Boston. The Labor Department said any costs would be offset by savings that contractors would see as a result of lower attrition rates and increased worker loyalty, but produced nothing to back that up.

Under the executive order, employees working on federal contracts gain the right to a minimum of one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours they work. Stretched out over 12 months, that's up to seven days per year. The order will allow employees to use the leave to care for sick relatives as well, and will affect contracts starting in 2017—just as Obama leaves office.

The Obama administration has been working on the executive order for months, and chose Labor Day to announce it as Obama works to enact what policies he can before his presidency ends despite resis-

tance in Congress to laws he's proposed to improve workplace conditions. That push has reverberated in the 2016 campaign, where Democratic candidates are seeking to draw a distinction with Republicans on who's most supportive of the middle class.

"There are certain Republicans that said we can't afford to do this," said Labor Secretary Thomas Perez. He lamented how paid leave is seen as a partisan issue in the U.S. despite broad support in Europe. "The Republican Party is out of step with similar conservative governments around the world," he said.

Roughly 44 million private sector workers don't get paid sick leave—about 40 percent of the private-sector workforce, the White House said. In his speech to the Greater Boston Labor Council's breakfast, Obama was also to renew his call for Congress to expand the requirement beyond contract workers to all but the smallest

U.S. businesses, an idea that has gained little traction on Capitol Hill.

The Labor Day gathering in Boston was attracting other bold-named politicians, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh among them. Vice President Joe Biden, who is considering entering the Democratic presidential primary, was to echo the labor rights theme in a march with AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka on Monday at a Labor Day parade in Pittsburgh.

Unable to push much of his agenda through a Republican-controlled Congress, Obama has in recent years used executive orders with frequency to apply policies to federal contractors that he lacks the authority to enact nationwide. His aim is to lay the groundwork for those policies to be expanded to all Americans. Earlier executive orders have barred federal contractors from discriminating against

workers based on their sexual orientation or gender identity, raised the minimum wage for contractors and expanded the number of contract workers eligible for overtime.

Although labor groups have hailed those moves, they remain deeply skeptical of Obama's push to secure sweeping new trade deals with the Asia-Pacific region and with Europe. Many unions have warned that the deals could lead to the widespread elimination of certain types of U.S. jobs.

The White House said it couldn't estimate how many federal contractors don't offer paid leave now, citing a maze of state and local laws that make crunching the numbers difficult. Officials also declined to put a dollar figure on how much contractors would face in added compensation costs.

Cecilia Muniz, director of the White House's Domestic Policy Council, said the administration has an obligation to get the most out of every federal tax dollar.

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Health Center, police said yesterday.

A 5-year-old boy suffered minor head injuries and was admitted for observation.

A 31-year-old man and a 2-year-old girl had minor injuries and were released after being treated.

All four victims are locals and residing in San Vicente.

Traffic investigator Norris Kwon determined that speed and alcohol were not a factor in the crash.

The driver, a 31-year-old local woman, of Kobleville, however, was found to have caused the accident and was issued citations for failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a marked crosswalk and for violating a traffic code that states that whenever any vehicle has stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the highway, the driver of any vehicle approaching from behind shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

The driver was also issued a citation for violating a traffic code that states that "every operator of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle, shall give an audible signal when necessary, and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused, incapacitated or intoxicated person."

The driver's silver 2004 Toyota Solara had damage to the front bumper cover and hood. The front windshield was shattered.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that traffic officer Daniel Smith called DPS Central on Saturday at 7:21pm about an auto-pedestrian crash involving several victims and requested for extra units to direct traffic, medics, and traffic investigators to the scene.

The accident happened on the northbound lane of Beach Road

in front of Hong Ye Hardware Store.

Tarkong said the weather condition was clear and the road surface was dry, but the lighting in the area was dark, with no streetlights.

Smith was traveling on Beach Road when he noticed traffic ahead, with several pedestrians lying on the northbound lane. Smith also saw a baby stroller on the southbound lane.

Traffic investigator Kwon learned that the family of four was crossing the highway on a marked pedestrian crosswalk from east to west when the two-door Toyota Solara sedan hit them on the northbound inner lane.

Tarkong said medics rushed all four pedestrians to the hospital, while police investigated the driver.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said yesterday that two of the victims had severe injuries—one complaining of severe head pain and the other of abdominal pain.

Gersonde said the third patient was complaining of lower extremity pain due to a left leg deformity.

He said medics applied cervical collars and used backboards to maintain two of the three patients' spines. They were then brought to CHC.

Gersonde did not mention the fourth victim in his report.

Last July 16 at nighttime, two women were injured, including one who suffered serious injuries, when a taxicab avoided some pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk near Eucon International University in Gualo Rai. The two victims were standing near the school's gate. The driver's four passengers were also hurt. The driver was arrested and charged in court.

Last April 18 in the afternoon, a 17-year-old male was injured when a car struck him as he was crossing the crosswalk along Beach Road near the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Susupe. It was not clear whether the driver was charged in this case.

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seems to be the trend with this airline company that has already had two plane crashes and fatalities," the source said.

"No Airport Rescue Fire Fighters, medics, or Commonwealth Ports Authority police were on site, probably because the pilot did not call it in," the source added.

Christian said there was a misinterpretation of what actually happened that afternoon.

"We teach the pilots on what they need to do about making a decision to check first. They

are trained to do these landings. The pilot rejected takeoff that involves reducing the power to idle," Christian said.

For smaller planes, according to Wikipedia, the pilot can choose to cut the power anywhere from a few feet above the ground to thousands of feet in the air. It depends on weather conditions (wind in particular), how they are going to maneuver in for landing, and what they are trying to accomplish. Long-range glides are mainly just a stunt or a training exercise to prepare for that fateful day when the engine quits.

As to why Star Marianas didn't report it to CPA, Chris-

tian said it wasn't an incident that was reportable.

"The pilot got airborne and opted to reject the take off. After the plane landed and maintenance was done, we tried to identify the problem. It then flew later that day again because no problem was found," Christian said.

"The pilot made a right decision and it was a safe decision. ...It wasn't 200 feet in the air, it was between 50 to 100 feet in the air. As for the gas, when we inspected the plane, there was more than 50 gallons of gas still in the plane," he added.

There is a certain phase that is taught pilots, when soon after

taking off, if there is something that they feel is wrong with the plane, the pilot makes the determination to reject the take off, added Christian.

"A lot of these things always happen and we try to avoid it as much as we can but the pilot made the right decision for safety matters," Christian said.

He noted that Star Marianas does a total of 4,500 flights per month with a total of 150 takeoffs everyday, while on busy days, a total of 200 takeoffs are made.

"Nothing was wrong with the plane. It was a misunderstanding and it was misinterpreted," he said.

Dynasty owners seek dismissal of suit filed by workers

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The owners of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino are seeking the dismissal of a lawsuit filed in federal court by over 500 current and former foreign workers, who alleged that the owners and management of Tinian

Dynasty lied to them about their immigration status.

Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd. and Mega Stars Overseas Ltd., through counsel Sean E. Frink, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the lawsuit due to delayed service of the summons and complaint.

Frink said the workers filed the lawsuit on Feb. 4, 2015, and that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure requires that service of the summons and complaint must be made upon each defendant within 120 days after the complaint is filed.

Frink said 120 days after Feb. 4, 2015, is June 4, 2015.

The lawyer said the service of the complaint and summons did not take place upon either defendant on or before June 4, 2015.

Instead, he said, despite an agreement between counsel made in March 2015 for simplified service of process, Hong Kong Entertainment has not yet been served and Mega Stars was not served with either the original complaint or the first amended complaint and summons until Aug. 14, 2015.

The first amended complaint was filed on July 21, 2015.

Frink said it is clear that the filing of an amended complaint does not restart the running of the 120-day service period.

"Therefore, service of the appropriate summons and a complaint was required upon both defendants on or before June 4, 2015," he said.

Importantly, the lawyer said, there does not appear to be any reason why timely service did not take place. For this reason, the court should dismiss the lawsuit without prejudice, he said.

Dismissal without prejudice, means the plaintiffs can re-open the lawsuit in the future.

The plaintiffs alleged in their lawsuit that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied that they were legally authorized to work despite the denial of their CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions.

The amended complaint adds a claim of constructive fraud against Tinian Dynasty's owner, Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd. (HKE), and HKE majority shareholder, Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.

The four other previous claims remain in the amended complaint. They are fraudulent concealment claims against HKE and Mega Stars,

and negligent misrepresentation and wrongful termination against HKE.

The lawsuit has 15 named plaintiffs—most of whom have U.S. citizen children—and 500 unnamed co-plaintiffs.

Attorney Samuel Mok, counsel for the plaintiffs, asked the court to preliminarily and permanently stop HKE and Mega Stars from terminating plaintiffs' employment or removing their name from an administrative appeal.

Mok asked the court to stop the defendants from forcing the plaintiffs to go against the law.

The lawyer also wants the court to declare as false HKE's statement that it was legally permissible for the plaintiffs to keep working even though

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services had denied their CW-1 petitions.

The plaintiffs are demanding damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Mok stated in the complaint that HKE and Mega Stars knew at least 18 months before Dec. 8, 2014, that the plaintiffs' CW-1 employment petitions were in jeopardy of being denied due to numerous written warnings by USCIS in the form of notices of intent to deny and notices of intent to revoke.

Over 500 foreign workers at Tinian Dynasty filed last December a separate lawsuit in federal court against Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and other federal officials over USCIS' denial of the company's

197 CW-1 petitions involving 693 beneficiaries. Attorney Bruce Berline is representing the workers in that lawsuit.

Also last December, HKE and its president and board chairman Kwan Man, through counsel Berline, have filed a lawsuit in federal court against U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez and other federal Labor officials for allegedly violating their due process right over their assessment of civil penalties of \$191,400 for violating the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

A few weeks ago, Tinian Dynasty shut down its casino. Last week, Tinian Dynasty announced the full closure of both the casino and the hotel before the end of this month.



DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

Relatives of Timothy E. Baker are looking for him. He is an American from Fresno, California, living in Kagman on Saipan. His relatives have been unable to locate him for some time now. For anyone with information about Baker, please email editor@saipantribune.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's Office (Conference Room) at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes: June 26, 2015 and July 24, 2015

II. REPORTS:

- Report by the Chairman
- Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- GLI Final Audit & Certification of Casino Gaming Equipment & GLI Training
- House Bill #19-95

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- Adoption of Emergency Casino Regulations – Junket Regulations
- Proposed Changes to the Commission Casino Regulations:
 - Casino Employee, Key Employee, & Vendor Permit & Licensing Deadline Extension: Oct. 30th
 - Master Vendor List – Submission required on the 10th of each month
 - Duplicate Commission Identification Badge Fee: \$20

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary.

/s/ **JUAN M. SABLAN**
Chairman

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SAVING SAIPAN:

Blane Wilson works to light up Saipan

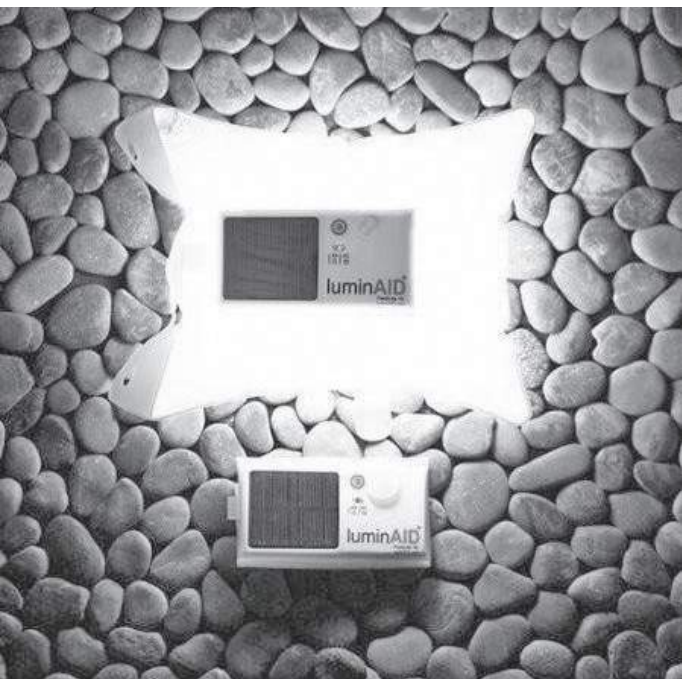
By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: Saipan Tribune's latest series features everyday heroes who are taking part in recovery efforts and assisting those in need after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan.

"Immediately when I saw the aftermath, I knew that something needed to be done to help get Saipan back on its feet," Blane Taisacan Wilson told *Saipan Tribune*.

The 22-year-old Stanford alumnus wants to do one thing this year for his home island: light it up. Wilson, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, said that one of the issues facing typhoon victims is the lack of power.

"My grandmother was us-



ing candles and a lantern to get around her house, and like many CNMI residents, she would not get electricity for months," he

with him in distributing the LuminAID packs. The LuminAID PackLite is waterproof, durable, and after being charged with only seven hours of full sunlight, can put out up to 30 hours of light.

said. "After speaking with my mother, I decided that we should send her a solar-powered light so that she would never have to buy gas or batteries, which are scarce and expensive."

After further research on the matter, Wilson, who resides in New Mexico, came across LuminAID PackLite, a solar-powered inflatable light made specifically for disaster situations.

The light is waterproof, durable, and after being charged with only seven hours of full sunlight, can put out up to 30 hours of light, according to Wilson.

The device, he said, was used in past natural disasters such as the 2011 Japan tsunami and the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.

Now, Wilson is behind the "Light Up Saipan" fundraising campaign, which aims to bring LuminAID lights to the island.

"Through this fundraising effort, I would be able to bring LuminAID lights to families in isolated areas who do not have the means to buy flashlights, batteries, or lamps," he said.

Wilson had already received tremendous support. United-4Saipan, a local grassroots volunteer group, agreed to partner

be," he said. "After Typhoon Soudelor hit and listening to the stories of my family and others on the island suffering through its aftermath, I knew that I had to do my part in helping the island recover," he added.

His family and friends from around the globe as well as Bosque School, Liberty Power Corp., and Ambassador Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia from Samoa have contributed to the cause.

"During a difficult situation that affects everyone around you, the best thing you can do is to reach out and help your neighbor," he said.



Blane Taisacan Wilson
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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FAIR HOUSING SURVEY

This notice is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is currently conducting a study concerning fair housing. Known as the "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice" (AI), the study is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition for receiving Federal housing and community funds.

The goals of the study are to identify whether barriers to fair housing choice exist in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), in the rental and real estate markets and the mortgage lending, insurance, and appraisal industries. Further, the study examines private and public policies and practices that may inadvertently lead to housing discrimination.

This AI process includes soliciting the opinions of person involved in the housing industry, including renters and homeowners. As such, you are being asked to take part in this survey to provide your opinions and experience regarding fair housing in the CNMI.

Your answers are anonymous and will only be reported in compilation with other responses.

The survey is available online at <https://www.research.net/r/CNMI2015FairHousingSurvey> or you may visit the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net (please look for menu section titled "NMHC Fair Housing Survey"). If you are unable to access the internet, please come by our office and fill-out the survey.

If you may have any questions regarding the survey please feel free to contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866 or (670) 234-9447.

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities. If you should require any special accommodations please contact our office.

We thank you for your participation in assisting our agency in moving forward with our projects.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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Joann G. Camacho is 2015 Businesswoman of the Year

TUMON, Guam—Joann G. Camacho, director of market development for DFS Guam, was presented the *Maga'håga* award and named the 2015 First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year at the 10th Annual Businesswoman of the Year Gala on Sept. 6 at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Camacho was selected from eight nominees in this year's program, which recognizes businesswomen who have made significant contributions to their industries and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community. Her photo is featured on the cover of *Guam Business Magazine's* September–October issue, which was released at the gala.

Camacho has served as the director of market development for DFS Guam for the past three years. A 1974 graduate of Acad-

emy of Our Lady of Guam, Camacho received her bachelor's degree in finance management from the University of San Francisco in 1978. Over the past year, she has helped DFS Guam grow the Guam Unique Merchandise and Art program to support local artists and cultural practitioners, helping to promote Chamorro culture and giving the artists an opportunity to showcase and sell their work in a luxury retail setting.

Camacho is a member of the Guam Visitors Bureau and the Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free organization, as well as an active member of various boards of directors, including the Tourism Education Council, the Guam Tourism Foundation, the Latte of Freedom, the Guam chapter of the American Red Cross and Guam Unique Merchandise and Art.

Proceeds from the gala will



Camacho

fund scholarships for students pursuing business and related degrees at the University of Guam, Guam Community College, and Northern Mari-

anas College.

Camacho joins the previous Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'håga* award recipients: Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. (2014); F. Marie Calvo-Monge, chief operating officer and executive producer of Pacific Telestations (2013); Mary P. Rhodes, president of the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association and president of MARQ Consulting Services (2012); Joyce Q. Crisostomo, executive director of Cars Plus and president of Payless Car Rental (2011); Anna Wang Kao, founder and president of Genghis Khan Furniture Co. (2010); Lorraine S. Okada, president of Okada Managing Consulting Services (2009); Julianne Rose Perez Duenas, physical therapist, owner and clinical director of Sports, Orthopedic and Ac-

tive Rehabilitation Inc. (2008); Christine Won Pat Baletto, general manager of Market Wholesale Distributors (2007); and

Katherine C. Sgro, executive vice president and chairwoman of the board for Pay-Less Markets Inc. (2006). (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

UPAA Guam looking for UP graduates on Saipan

The University of the Philippines Alumni Association Guam is calling all UP graduates on the island of Saipan. Members are interested to help the victims of Typhoon Soudelor. Contact Fe Calixterio at 235-1934 or 785-5535 for more information. (PR)

CNMI Judiciary operations schedule

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, will be 8am to 5pm.

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Wednes-

day, Sept. 9, 2015 through Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, will be 8am until noon.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 through Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.

Changes to this schedule, and the Judiciary's schedule for the week beginning Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media.

The partial day operations on Saipan are expected to continue until issues associated with fuel availability for standby power generation are resolved. (NMI Judiciary)

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UPDATED — Fall 2015 Semester — SCHEDULE

Fall 2015 Admission Deadline

September 8, 2015
(Admission closed for Int'l Students)

Placement Tests*

Sept. 8, 2015 9am or 1 pm – English Placement
Sept. 9, 2015 9am – English Placement
Sept. 9, 2015 1pm – Math Placement
Sept. 10, 2015 9am or 1 pm – Math Placement
Sept. 14 @ 1pm – English Placement (Int'l Students)
Sept. 15 @ 9am – Math Placement (Int'l Students)

**To schedule your placement test, call 234-5484 or email Date/time preference to queanna.sablan@marianas.edu or isabel.matsunaga@marianas.edu. Each of the testing times listed above can accommodate a maximum of 60 students.*

Student Orientation**

Sept. 11 @ 9am – For new & Readmitted Students
Sept. 12 @ 9am – For new & Readmitted Students
Sept. 14 @ 9am – International Students Orientation

***New Students: Please email queanna.sablan@marianas.edu to indicate which orientation you will be attending.*

Registration for Classes

Sept. 8-11 Registration for Ongoing Students (Alphabetized Priority)	
Last Name	Registration Date
A-C	September 8
D-K	September 9
L-R	September 10
S-Z	September 11

Sept. 14-25 - Registration for New, Readmitted, and Ongoing Students
(First come, first-serve basis)

First Day of Classes for Fall 2015

September 28, 2015

Last Day of Classes for Fall 2015

December 19, 2015

Finals Week

December 21-24, 2015

The dates listed above have been determined based on an expected timeline for the completion of important repair and renovation work necessitated by Typhoon Soudelor. The dates and times may change; please visit www.marianas.edu for more updated information or email oar@marianas.edu.

One month left to apply for SBA disaster loans

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center - West reminds private nonprofit organizations on Rota, Saipan and Tinian of the Oct. 5, 2015, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for property damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor that occurred Aug. 2 and 3, 2015. PNPs that provide essential services of a

governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

According to Garfield, eligible PNPs of any size may apply for SBA federal disaster loans of up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent

or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

In addition, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help eligible PNPs meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDLs may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless

of whether the PNP suffered any property damage. PNPs have until May 5, 2016, to apply for an SBA economic injury disaster loan.

The interest rate is 2.625 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website

at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. For more disaster assistance information, or to download applications, visit <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Com-

pleted applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. **(SBA)**

Get your business ready for any kind of disaster

Is your organization prepared to communicate quickly and effectively with each other when a crisis hits? Did you know that nearly 70 percent of all U.S. businesses will lose power at one point in the next 12 months? Do you have a plan in place to keep your operations running? How will you rebuild your business if your employees are unable to report to work after a major disaster?

Having a business continuity plan is essential to establishing a successful and resilient small business. The cost of creating a disaster preparedness plan is small compared to the financial losses that may occur if there's no plan in place.

You can get help with your own preparedness planning through a series of free webinars in September hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery. The series is presented in collaboration with FEMA's Ready Campaign, during National Preparedness Month. The 2015 NPM theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today."

The 30-minute webinars will be presented at 2pm EDT each Wednesday in September. All webinars will be recorded and can be accessed online approximately 24 hours following each broadcast at www.PrepareMyBusiness.org/education. Additionally, Web links to the slide presentations and/or transcripts can be requested approximately 48 hours following each broadcast by sending an email to scott.teel@agilityrecovery.com.

These are the topics:

■ Sept. 9: "The Keystone to Disaster Recovery: Communications"

■ Sept. 16: "Recover from the Most Likely Disaster: Power Outage"

■ Sept. 23: "Protect Your Most Valuable Asset: Prepare Your Employees"

■ Sept. 30: "If You Do Nothing Else this Year..." Simple tips to build your organization's resilience.

To register for any of the webinars, go to <http://agilityrecovery.com/buildingblocks/#section-register>

SBA has partnered with Agility Recovery to offer business continuity strategies through their "PrepareMyBusiness" website. Visit www.preparemybusiness.org to access past webinars and additional disaster preparedness tools. **(FEMA)**

CHILDREN'S DIGNITY WEEK

SFALC hands out hygiene kits, lunchboxes to kids



Thirty kids received hygiene kits and lunch boxes from the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club in celebration of their Children's Dignity Week.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

By **FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA**
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REPORTER

Children from various villages received special presents from the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club last Saturday at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan as part of the celebration of the Lions Clubs' Children's Dignity Week.

About 30 children ranging in ages from 3 to 10 from Oleai Elementary School, William

Reyes Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, and Mt. Carmel School attended the event.

They received hygiene kits containing baby powder, toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, face towel, tissue, comb, cologne, soap, cotton buds, wipes, and first aid kits as well as lunch boxes.

"Thank you to Ms. Lei Hic-

aro for donating 15 lunchboxes, that's why nobody went home empty-handed. Thank you to all officers, members and fellow Lions who joined us during the event, and to our region chair, Lion Ladyvir Canape," said club secretary Mario Mayuga.

The children were also given donuts as a special treat.

Children's Dignity Week is part of Lions Worldwide Week of Service of the Li-

ons Club International, which kicked off last Aug. 30. Lions around the world come together to share in service activities that promote the dignity of the most vulnerable members of society, children.

It is also a part of the celebration of Lions Clubs International's Centennial, and will give Lions from around the world an opportunity to take part in Lions Clubs International's Centennial goal of serving 100

million people by their 100th anniversary.

Aside from serving the needs of children, it was also a great opportunity for residents to learn more about the SFALC, its work, and opportunities to get involved.

"We want to share the great things we're doing in the community, and let others know how they can help," said the SFALC Club president Anna-mae Adaza.

'More than enough evidence to convict Leyda Ada of perjury'

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REPORTER

The U.S. government asserts that there was more than enough evidence for the jury to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Leyda I. Ada is guilty of perjury.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe said there was ample evidence produced at trial for the jury to conclude that Ada's checking of the "no" box was yet another step in her and her husband's elaborate plan to make it appear they were just a family of modest means, and therefore incapable of having profited from or knowing about the \$2 million stolen from the Com-

monwealth Health Center.

Backe said the preponderance of evidence presented is reason enough to deny Ada's motion to set aside her conviction.

Last June 26, a federal jury reached a verdict, acquitting Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering, but finding her guilty as to the crime of perjury.

Perjury has a maximum prison term of five years. Ada's sentencing will be on Nov. 13, 2015.

The 12 jurors found Ada guilty of perjury when she signed "no" to the question in a form if she has any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts.

In order to determine wheth-

er Ada could afford her own lawyer when she was arrested, she was required by the court to truthfully complete a financial affidavit.

In the paragraph titled "Employment," Ada also checked the "no" box indicating she was not employed.

According to the indictment, Ada's statements were false because she knew that she had \$4,000 in cash at the time in her personal clothing drawer at her house and had access to and was an authorized user of at least two bank accounts.

Ada, through counsel Mark Hanson, filed the motion to set aside her conviction for perjury, arguing that there is no evidence that his client was aware of the

contents of a form for financial affidavit completed by a U.S. Probation officer. Hanson said there is no evidence that Ada had "cash on hand" as that term is used in the form.

In the U.S. government's opposition, Backe said U.S. Probation Officer Margarita Wonenberg testified that she read the question to Ada, and then she would expand and ask the defendant if she had any money anywhere.

Backe said the evidence introduced at trial demonstrating Ada knew she had "cash on hand" and "money in savings or checking accounts" includes her journal entry outlining her plan to have \$56,500 raised from the sale of the family's assets; 12

checks totaling \$1,400 that she herself wrote.

Backe said Ada also made 13 ATM cash withdrawals totaling \$2,500 from a checking account and made 50 CheckCard purchases totaling \$13,000.

Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC.

Ada's husband, Melvin Ada, is a former employee of CHC. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. He has yet to be sentenced.

Raise the Roof! Fundraiser



Over \$24,000 was raised during the launch of Raise the Roof but organizers have since raised it to over \$30,000.



Some members of the House of Representatives also join the fundraiser and pledge. With them in the photo is Jenny Hegland of United4Saipan, another beneficiary of the fundraiser.



The American Red Cross is one of the three beneficiaries of the Raise the Roof fundraiser.



The Skywalker Communications Group "raise the roof" to gather funds for the recovery efforts on Saipan.



Dr. Bo and the rest of the Skywalker Communications group.



Attendees of the Raise the Roof fundraiser had a great time during the dinner launch at Fiesta Resort and Spa.



Fundraiser planning committee lead Roxanne Diaz poses with guests at the launch of Raise of the Roof last Thursday.



Guests make a gesture to "raise the roof" with fundraiser volunteer Maryann Santos.

Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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The death of Aylan Kurdi and the need for a moral policy on refugees

The photo was heartbreaking: A toddler in shorts and a red T-shirt lay face down at the edge of the surf, waves lapping at his head, his body settled into the sand like a piece of driftwood. His name, the world would learn, was Aylan Kurdi, and he and his Kurdish family were heading from Syria to Canada—from war to peace and, they hoped, safety. Instead, 3-year-old Aylan, his 5-year-old brother Galip and their mother all drowned when their smuggler's boat capsized off Bodrum, Turkey.

The image won't end the wars in Syria and Iraq. Most likely, it won't even change European policies toward the migrants and refugees pouring in from the Middle East and Africa. At best it may spotlight for the public the modern world's failure to observe basic elements of humanity.

The U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees has reported that the flow of displaced people around the world, some 60 million now, is at its highest level since World War II. While attention has focused understandably on the crisis in the Mideast and Africa, with the desperate drowning at sea or suffocating in the backs of trucks as they try to reach Europe, people are on the move around the world, fleeing war, oppression, persecution and poverty.

Of course there is no easy resolution to this problem, and it is true that the United States has wrestled for years—often unsuccessfully—with the thorny moral issues arising from large-scale immigration. What's more, it is undeniable that refugee crises and immigration emergencies are best solved by ending wars and encouraging stability and development in the areas from which the migrants are fleeing.

But those truths should not become excuses. Today's crisis is real and growing, and it must be addressed.

Earlier this year, the European Union came up with a triage plan for trying to resettle 60,000 refugees around Europe, but the plan exempted Hungary and Bulgaria, and Britain opted out. Clearly, the EU plan is inadequate to the task. Germany's reception centers have received nearly 550,000 migrants, and Sweden's 230,000. Other European nations, such as financially troubled Spain, have taken only slivers of the population. Meanwhile, Hungary's nationalist prime minister, Viktor Orban, has cynically sought to frame the crisis as a battle for European identity against Muslim interlopers, introducing a repugnant layer of intolerance. "Is it not worrying in itself that European Christianity is now barely able to keep Europe Christian?" he said recently. "... We have no option but to defend our borders."

In recent days, Hungary has banned thousands of migrants from traveling out of the Keleti train station in Budapest, leaving them stranded; Australia has turned back boats packed with migrants.

These refugees and migrants are mostly innocent victims of political failures, from the war in Syria and the rise of the Islamic State to incessant insurgencies and political oppression in Africa. The world should not compound those failures with a moral one.

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Trump can't win, can he?

I talked with Republican wise men last week—sober establishment strategists who have seen many presidential campaigns come and go—to ask them how long the improbable popularity of Donald Trump can last. Reassure me, I said: He can't actually win, right?

Their answers surprised me.

"It's not inconceivable," Vin Weber, a former congressman (and Jeb Bush supporter) told me. "It doesn't look as if he's going to implode any time soon. ...It's hard for me to say this, but he actually seems to be getting better as a candidate."

"Trump has put himself on the short list of five or six names who could win the nomination," said another GOP operative who insisted on anonymity because he's working for one of those other candidates. "It's not impossible that he could win."

Until a few weeks ago, the conventional wisdom held that Trump was merely a summer fling for angry voters, a protest candidate whose insults and braggadocio would soon impose a ceiling on his support. But recent polls suggest that Trump has raised that ceiling.

He's leading almost every horse race poll—although at this stage, those numbers are utterly unreliable as predictors of real voter behavior. (At this point in 2011, the polls were led by Texas Gov. Rick Perry; in 2007, by former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.)

More telling are polls that measure whether Trump has made himself acceptable to Republicans.

A Quinnipiac University poll last month found that 30 percent of GOP voters had an unfavorable view of Trump—worse than most other candidates but a big improvement from the 52 percent that Trump scored in May.

In Iowa, where the first GOP contest is held, the percentage of likely Republican caucus-goers who say they could never vote for Trump has fallen from 58 percent in May to 29 percent, according to a Des Moines Register-Bloomberg News poll.

What has Trump done right? He began by grabbing voters' attention with a naked appeal to anti-immigrant anger. But he's broadened his pitch with broadsides against a "corrupt" political system, Wall Street financiers and corporations that send U.S. jobs overseas.

There are even signs that he might ease up on the insults—glimpses of a new, more statesmanlike Donald. "I have great respect for a lot of the other people on the stage," he said Friday.

My GOP wise men outlined two possible scenarios: one for a Trump victory, the other for defeat.

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Trump could win, they suggested, if he rolls out more policy proposals to demonstrate that he has actually thought about what he'd do as president (he's already promised one on tax reform), and if he survives increased scrutiny from the media as well as attacks from other candidates (Bush has already started in).

Trump will lose, they said, if he can't handle criticism of his record or his paper-thin positions on many issues. Last week, he bobbled a question from conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, admitting testily that he didn't know the names of the leaders of Al Qaeda or Islamic State.

Less likely, he could simply run out of new things to say. "You have to presume he can't dominate the media for five more months this way," Weber said. "What happens to him when the attention starts to dry up?"

Trump will face a tough early test in Iowa, where the Republican caucuses have been dominated by Christian social conservatives—not his natural constituency.

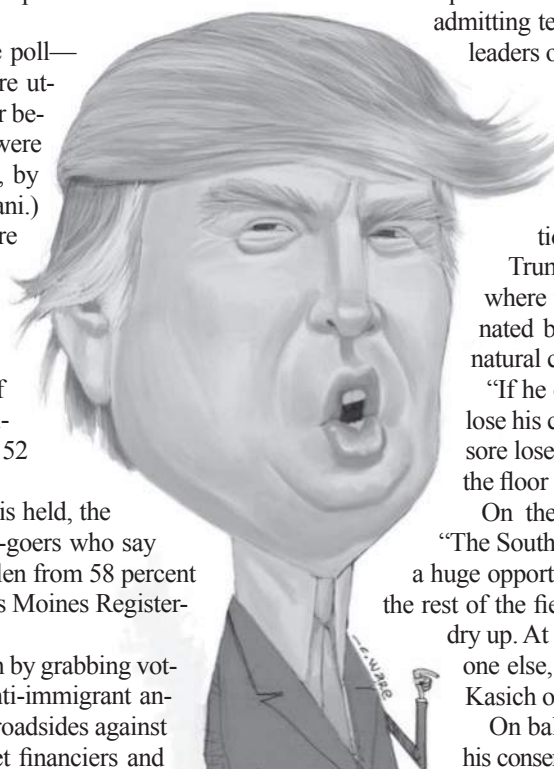
"If he comes in third or fourth in Iowa, he could lose his cool," one strategist said. "If he looks like a sore loser and says he was robbed, that could cause the floor to fall out."

On the other hand, another strategist told me, "The Southern primaries (in February and March) are a huge opportunity for him. If he wins enough of those, the rest of the field will collapse because their money will dry up. At that point, it becomes Trump versus someone else, an anti-Trump—probably Rubio, Walker, Kasich or Bush. And then it's a real race."

On balance, a Trump victory still appears unlikely; his conservative credentials are too weak, his political experience too thin. "I'm hearing people talk about him

as if he were the inevitable nominee," Weber said. "We aren't there yet."

But Republican Party's grandees are glumly acknowledging that America's love affair with Trump is more than a summer romance—maybe a lot more.



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A keyboard Nazi who became a killer

For nearly 50 years, Frazier Glenn Miller Jr. harbored an intense loathing for Jews, and also for blacks, Hispanics, Asians—anyone that he deemed outside of and inferior to his own white race. But mostly it was Jews he hated. When he slithered into the Kansas City area in April 2014 with guns and ammunition, he was on the hunt for Jewish victims. He ended up killing three Christians.

For the past two weeks, this white supremacist has pontificated in a Johnson County, Kan., courtroom, acting as his own defense in his trial for murder. The jury, judge and all associated with the court deserve our sympathy for enduring Miller's rambling, offensive screeds and suffering through the conspiracy-addled videos he entered as evidence.

Having witnessed much of this courtroom farce, I would like to dismiss Miller as a mere lunatic, an outlier, a throwback to a bygone era of intolerance. Unfortunately, I cannot.

On more than one day, after enduring Miller's bile, it was disconcerting to head back to the office and hear readers—in emails and voice messages—spew virtually the same words about black people, Hispanics and especially immigrants. That's a sadly illuminating downside of having race and immigration as your beat.

I'll offer one comparison, although I could offer hundreds.

Here's Miller, speaking in court: "An anti-white government is replacing us with third world people, people of color."

Here's a reader protesting a column critical of former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, via email: "You attack a great man because he wants to protect this country from the Sanchez's, Jose's, and other wet backs. You are no better than the n-----s in this country attacking me because

I am white and had something to do with slavery. Maybe we should just close our southern boarders and build guard towers and give orders to shoot any one who attempts to cross. A half ounce of lead goes a long way in carrying the message that we are tired of this crap."

This man, who signed his name "American Patriot," somehow felt compelled to add, "I am not prejudice (sic) and only use the language for effect."

Of course, it would be unfair to conflate the cold-blooded violence of a fanatic with the amped up vitriol of an ordinary citizen. After all, when you confront a spouting citizen face-to-face and point out the faulty assumptions and inaccuracies he's absorbed, you'll often find a willingness to be kinder and fairer than the persona he adopted to get in your face. America, I'd like to think, is not filled with proto-brownshirts.

On the stand, Miller made a revealing admission. As a young man, he had been taught to hate Jews by his father. There is an old lesson here. People learn to hate. Someone shows them how to do it, whom to do it to.

Perhaps people can unlearn, too. But how do we make that happen?

Grimly, one way is through the sick work of people like Miller. Consider the reaction to white supremacist Dylann Roof's slaughter of black parishioners of Emanuel A.M.E. church in Charleston, S.C. In the wake of that outrage, not only was the Confederate battle flag repudiated as the racist totem that it had become, but Americans were forced to confront their delusions about the progress of racial justice in our society.

A similar dynamic is at play in the killings of unarmed black people by police officers. Thanks to the ubiquity of video cameras, it's

Crime and punishment, American style

Here's a word that we don't use much: "condign." It means "fitting" or "appropriate," but these days we nearly always attach it to the concept of punishment, that is, "Does the punishment fit the crime?"

I thought of this word as I read about the sentencing of James Holmes, the Aurora, Colo., theater shooter, who opened fire on an audience at a midnight movie, murdering 12 and injuring 70.

Holmes pled insanity. My students sometimes express their impression that it's easy to get away with murder in America by pleading mental derangement. Not in this case. After a rigorous process that lasted all spring, the jury found Holmes guilty.

On Aug. 26, Judge Carlos Samour sentenced Holmes to 12 life terms without the possibility of parole.

At Holmes' sentencing, some of the frustration at not being able to do more to him rose to the surface. Eleven members of the jury had wanted to give Holmes the death penalty, but one juror's reluctance destroyed the required unanimity. So the court did everything else to him that it could do legally.

Samour added symbolic measures, ruling that the life sentences will be served consecutively rather than concurrently—Holmes has to complete his first life sentence before he even begins his second.

In addition, the judge imposed another 3,318 years in prison for other crimes such as attempted murder.

Finally, Samour, who had treated Holmes respectfully throughout the trial, condemned him in contemptuous terms and gruffly dismissed him from his court.

And he didn't admonish spectators and victims' family members who cheered and clapped as Holmes was led away. Someone shouted, "Loser!"

At age 27, Holmes faces a long, bleak future. He could serve the rest of his life in solitary confinement. A former student of mine described his own 8 years in solitary, saying that he didn't think he was going to retain his sanity.

Permit the use of the politically incorrect term "crazy" for a moment, reminiscent of its use in Joseph Heller's "Catch-22." Holmes' sentence is ironic: Because he couldn't convince the jury that he's crazy, he's been condemned to a prison term that over the next 30, 40 or 50 years could very likely make him that way.

By comparison, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's death sentence seems almost merciful.

Has Holmes received a condign punishment? Does his punishment fit his crime?

I don't know. For all its virtues—and it has many—our judicial system often gets it wrong. Last year a kid in Texas faced life in prison for making hash-oil brownies, an act that just a few hundred miles to the north, in Denver, is not only legal but is a retail opportunity.

Our prisons are teeming with young African-Americans, Hispanics and poor whites who are guilty of the kind of drug use that has become part of the public brand of celebrities like Willie Nelson and Bill Maher, who remain at large.

And we persist as the last developed country with the death penalty, a punishment of questionable deterrence that we've never managed to

Defiant clerk has no grounds to stand on

WASHINGTON—The laws of man and the laws of God don't always jibe, as we all know. That's why the Bible makes it clear that it is important to render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is his. America was built on that premise, adopting no official religion and leaving religious influence out of the workings of government.

When one accepts the responsibility of carrying out the law as determined by officials chosen under the Constitution failing to do so should be grounds for immediate removal from that office.

The law of the land, as affirmed by the Supreme Court, now holds same-sex marriage as legal in every venue.

One can argue with that, denounce it loudly, and begin to work to amend the Constitution to specifically prohibit it, in accordance with one's religious beliefs. What one can't do, if holding an official government position responsible for licensing that union, is refuse to do it.

It's pretty simple, isn't it?

Well, apparently not for a county clerk in Rowan County, Ky., who steadfastly denied a same-sex couple what she is required by law to give, arguing with them that she obeys God's law as depicted in the scriptures and interpreted by her Christian fundamentalism. She has become a cause celebre among at least a handful of other local officials who refuse to understand that they haven't a leg to stand on in refusing to obey the law.

It isn't difficult to imagine the kind of chaos that would ensue from an official posture that allows local elected officials the free-

dom to choose what laws to enforce—who should be granted a license based on whether it offends the grantor.

Lawyers for the clerk, Kim Davis, filed a petition with the high court, arguing that "this is a matter of first impression, with far-reaching implications across the country for religious liberty." Licensing gay and lesbian marriages, Davis contended, was a "searing act of validation" that would "forever echo in her conscience." She just couldn't affix her name to the paper.

Then don't, Ms. Davis, but don't expect to continue in your job.

It is no surprise that the high court turned down her application. It could do nothing else under the circumstances, having just decided that there was no constitutional basis for telling lawful citizens how to live in this respect.

Before asking the high court to turn around on itself, Davis had been ruled against at the Federal District Court level, and then a panel of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals did the same, leaving her as far out on the legal limb as she can go.

On Thursday, she was sent to jail for disobeying a court order.

There is an entire body of religious thought that believes laws that protect all the citizens shouldn't, and that pharmacists and others who need official certification to operate can pick and chose what medicines to dispense based on these dictums, most particularly certain contraceptives that prevent and end pregnancies. This includes even legitimate prescriptions from a licensed medical practitioner. Should this be permitted because the pharmacist is anti-abortion?

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hard to deny the persistence of what often amounts to deadly bias.

New information, in the best cases, leads to new thinking. Unfortunately, new thinking is too much for many Americans to handle. So many love to cry that they are unjustly shamed by "political correctness." This supposed injustice, which aims to change the standards of acceptable speech, is in reality a struggle over ideas and beliefs—and it's not just a tool of the left. Assert that "black lives matter," and somebody will point out that you must say "all lives matter" or else you're a racist.

Yet each of us, Miller included, has the right to feel and believe exactly as we wish. He could have kept on tap-tap-tapping away on his computer, posting on white supremacist websites as a keyboard Nazi until he died.

But he acted out, murdering three and inflicting terror on a whole community. The wish is father to the deed, as the saying goes. We're horrified by the deed, and yet some seem to tell us we don't have a right to challenge the wish.

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apply impartially across lines of race, gender and social class.

So how can we be sure we get it right in a difficult case such as James Holmes'?

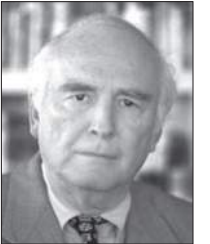
First, we continue to invest the time, energy and money—Holmes' trial cost over \$5 million and took more than 3 months—required to ensure that every defendant has every legal advantage due to him, even when we know he's guilty.

And second, we maintain our limitations on what we're willing to do to criminals in order to punish them. In some respects, the Holmes case is the story of the futility of any hope of giving our worst criminals what they truly deserve.

But the brilliance of our judicial system is that we refuse to sink to their vicious level. And if our effort to administer as much justice as we can without sliding back toward savagery leaves us feeling frustrated, that's the worthy price we pay for a reasonably humane society.

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It is difficult to imagine that Davis' stand is the final volley in the war on same-sex marriage. In certain areas in the nation, where a particular brand of deeply fundamental religion is followed, die-hards can be expected to try and change the political landscape to favor undoing the court's ruling. Similar forces have so far failed in similar attempts, such as shutting down legal abortions by repealing the court's Roe V. Wade decision.

Gay marriage opponents' only hope is to either change the balance of the court by electing a president who would nominate another conservative or to amend the Constitution, a long and difficult process.

Until then, however, there is no room left for the Davises of the country to defy what Caesar has handed down. They have no choice but to follow the law or resign.

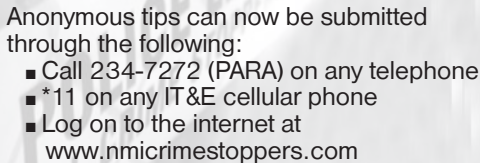
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Hilo family witnesses destruction on Saipan

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HILO, Hawaii (AP)—When Typhoon Soudelor tore into Saipan in August, Hilo resident Cristene Jucutan, 15, received a painful lesson about its destructive power.

Jucutan, along with family and friends, traveled about 4,000 miles for the wedding of his older brother, James. During their stay, the storm made landfall as a Category 2 typhoon, bringing with it sustained winds of 100 mph with gusts up to 120 mph.

The family was staying in a three-story condominium in the mountains when the high winds began pummeling the windows, doors and walls of the home.

"I looked out the window and saw the glass around the patio

shaking, and I asked my dad if it was safe. He said it was. Later, though, it blew out," Jucutan said.

Then, the power went out, casting everything into darkness.

"You can hear like a machine gun, like it's the end of the world," the boy's mother, Joselyn Jucutan, said. "The transformer was popping, pow pow! And we are running inside to the bathroom."

Jucutan's father, Danny, grabbed a sliding glass door as it appeared ready to break free and fly into a room on the third floor.

"It was getting stronger by the minute, and I didn't want it to fall on my dad, so I grabbed it, too," Jucutan said.

Suddenly, a strong gust pushed the door, along with the father and son, into the center of the room.

Jucutan took the brunt of the blow from the glass door, which shattered into pieces, cutting about four large gashes in his left leg, a gash in his right leg, two cuts on his chest, and a cut to the head.

The family spent about a half-hour inside the bathroom as the storm raged outside. Jucutan used a belt to securely tie a bathroom rug around his leg to help stanch the flow of blood, but by the end of their time in the restroom, his leg had swelled, he was experiencing a lot of pain, and he had begun to get light headed, his mother said. A large piece of glass remained embedded in at least one wound.

After the storm subsided, the family tried to make their way down the mountain to the hospital, but fallen trees blocked the

roadway.

"My husband was trying to pull the trees [off the road], but he was only by himself," Joselyn Jucutan said.

A call to 911 revealed that emergency responders also were impeded by the blocked roadway.

The next morning, the family was able to borrow a chainsaw from a neighbor and get out of their neighborhood and down the mountain to the hospital. Approximately six hours had passed since Jucutan sustained his injuries.

Outside the emergency room, "10 or 15 wounded people were waiting to see the doctor, and there was only one working at the hospital at that time," the Waiakea High School student said.

As luck would have it, how-

ever, visiting health care workers from Shriners Hospitals for Children in Honolulu were visiting Saipan as part of their regular outreach clinics program.

"We were out there for our routine clinics," said Nurse Practitioner Scherlyn Caneda. "We go out there about twice a year."

When the storm hit, the team went into action, lending their expertise wherever it was needed.

Caneda and Dr. Craig Ono, a pediatric orthopaedic specialist, helped remove a large piece of glass from Jucutan's leg, and clean and stitch up his wounds.

Jucutan's mother, who works as a certified nursing assistant, said she knew of Ono by reputation and immediately felt relieved.

"My clients, sometimes, they had Dr. Ono, so I had heard of

him. When I heard he was there, I thought, 'Oh, really? Wow!' I was so happy," she said.

Now safely back in Hilo, Jucutan's wounds are healing nicely, and Thursday he plans to reunite with the Shriners team that helped him after the storm, as they will be in Hilo offering specialist care for keiki with joint, muscle or orthopaedic conditions.

"It'll be nice, a sight for sore eyes," Jucutan said of seeing Ono and his team. "After what I went through and being traumatized, they took care of me. It'll be nice to see them."

But while he has healed, Jucutan says there still are many people left with no food, electricity or homes in Saipan.

"I'm talking with one of my teachers about starting a fundraiser to help," he said.

Delta Company linemen power restoration of electricity on Saipan

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii—

Delta Company of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) deployed to Saipan in August and provided much-needed power line restoration support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authority missions in response to Typhoon Soudelor. Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan Aug. 2-3 with estimated 120-mph gusts, heavy rains, and lightning, leaving the island's 50,000 residents and tourists without water or power.

USACE's support of FEMA included deployment of a Power Planning and Response Team from the Honolulu District, Advanced Contracting Initiative assets, resources from 249th Prime Power's Alpha and Delta Companies, and debris subject matter experts in order to conduct rapid assessments of critical infrastructure.

Delta Company, as a part of USACE, operates under the National Response Framework in support of FEMA and was part of the total federal response to this natural disaster. USACE is the agency responsible for Emergency Support Function Three, Public Works and Engineering.

The nine-man group of Delta Company soldiers deployed from Rhode Island initially to assist with the repair of the Saipan port lighting system. FEMA also mission assigned the team to assist the CNMI in installing the hardware and electrical wiring on utility poles and assisting with bringing up the island's electrical distribution system.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues to work on restoring Saipan's power and water systems with the assistance of local, regional, and federal partners. The CUC Power Division, with the assistance of the 249th's Delta Company, is working concurrently to restore



Delta Company's Cpl. David Schmidt repairs an electric line that powers water wells in the Gualo Rai area of Saipan.

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transmission and distribution systems throughout the island by slowly energizing areas after careful inspections while power plant crews address generation capabilities. After the storm CUC said all 14,622 electric customers on Saipan were without grid power and later visual inspections confirmed nearly 800 power poles and 600 transformers were damaged.

According to Delta Company's non-commissioned officer-in-charge Sgt. 1st Class Jitu Whitehead, the group's certification as journeymen linemen—basically exterior electricians—was "a perfect fit" after the storm since the local utility company had limited manpower.

"After our initial mission of getting the port lights on line was complete, we offered our services as linemen and began assisting in getting power lines re-energized and de-energizing the more than 90 FEMA generators providing emergency

power," Whitehead said. "In addition to reconnecting lines atop power poles, we worked to troubleshoot issues in the power substations as well as disconnecting the FEMA generators once the main feeder lines were back to 100 percent capability."

Whitehead characterized the missions on Saipan as "perfect training for Delta Company."

"We've been trying to link up with FEMA and for them to utilize our critical skills for some time, especially in these types of storm scenarios," Whitehead said. "This lineman mission directly links to what we do in our civilian jobs and what we do in the Army Reserve. It's definitely a positive learning experience for us to collectively work on Saipan's electrical distribution system, understand how it works while also being able to exchange ideas with the local company utility workers on processes that work for them and as us well. We can take back home

some of those ideas back to our civilian jobs or to the Army and use those ideas to help us work more effectively and safely."

FEMA's federal coordinating officer on Saipan, Stephen DeBlasio, said recently during a Saipan government recovery coordination meeting that Typhoon Soudelor rivaled major catastrophic events in the U.S. mainland and thanked the Corps of Engineers—in particular Delta Company—for their help. DeBlasio said this was the first time he has seen FEMA utilize the 249th Engineer Battalion.

"These are guys and gals climbing the poles and following behind CUC crews and making the connections, installing some of the hardware," he said, describing them as "heroes."

DeBlasio said the 249th team will be on island for a minimum 30 days, but he will press to keep them on board as long as the CUC needs them.

"I've been involved in Ka-

trina, I've been involved in 9/11, I've been involved in the hurricane season in 2004, and Irene in the northeast and I can tell you the devastation here on this small island rivals anyone of those events. This is a heavy lift."

FEMA said as of Aug. 27 that almost 90 of 200 new concrete utility poles have been installed and 58 of the 145 water wells on Saipan are operable. The international airport and port have both resumed 24/7 operations.

The 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) is a versatile power generation battalion assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that provides commercial-level power to military units and federal relief organizations during full-spectrum operations. The battalion consists of a headquarters and headquarters company, four Prime Power line companies (A, B, C & D), and the Prime Power School. The 249th offers a variety of services including: electrical

power requirement assessment, power production; transformer inspection and test analysis; maintenance and repair of power plants, substations, and government owned or managed transmission and distribution systems, circuit breaker and relay maintenance; infrared surveys, medium-voltage electrical contractor oversight, and training for personnel to operate and maintain prime power distribution and generation equipment.

Alpha Company, 249th Engineer Battalion, consisting of a company headquarters and four prime power platoons, is located at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Delta Company, comprised of all Reserve soldiers—including the nine currently deployed to Saipan—has its headquarters and three platoons at Cranston, Rhode Island, and one platoon at Fort Belvoir, Va. Each line company and its four to six platoons are capable of setting up, operating, and repairing complete medium voltage power generation and distribution systems worldwide.

The 9th Mission Support Command's Tanapag U.S. Army Reserve Center on Saipan is being used by FEMA as an operations center and staging area for generators, communications systems, food and water. The Army Corps of Engineers Power Planning and Response Team along with the Army's 249th Engineer Battalion has assessed, installed and maintained emergency generators at water wells and other critical facilities.

Emergency response personnel and technical subject matter experts for temporary power and debris management, contracting, logistics, and communication functions from Headquarters USACE; Great Lakes and Ohio River; Mississippi Valley; North Atlantic; Northwestern; South

Atlantic; South Pacific; Southwestern; and Pacific Ocean divisions all came together to ensure the needs in Saipan were met.

3 TCGCC commissioners OK'd to keep posts for now

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has issued a temporary injunction keeping the position of three commissioners of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission until further court's order.

At a hearing last week at the Tinian Superior Court, Wiseman also issued an order prohibiting any other government body/official from taking actions to remove TCGCC chair Mathew Masga, vice chair Bernadita Palacios, and commissioner Lydia Barcinas.

Saipan Tribune learned that

Wiseman did not yet rule on the underlying legal dispute involving the individual commissioners about when terms for members of the commission begin.

The judge also did not rule yet on other motions filed by both parties.

Masga, Palacios, and Barcinas, through counsel Claire

Kelleher-Smith, are suing Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas, treasurer Charlene Lizama and the Tinian Municipality after San Nicolas asserted that the commissioners' terms had already expired and that he would appoint three new commissioners.

Kelleher-Smith told *Saipan Tribune* that this would make all

five commissioners appointees of San Nicolas.

She said the mayor's announcement was made the day after Masga refused the mayor's request to get rid of the commission's executive director, Lucia Blanco-Maratita.

In her letter in June to Masga, Lizama, stated that Masga, Pa-

lacios, and Barcinas have all expired terms and that three commissions seats are vacant. Lizama said that compensation for the three would be discontinued as of June 24, 2015.

Saipan Tribune tried to get comments from San Nicolas but he has yet to reply as of press time.

Hospital's HVAC construction ongoing despite Soudelor

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

Despite Typhoon Soudelor's carnage, one of the hospital's biggest projects—the heat, ventilation, and air-conditioning system upgrading—is still ongoing.

"Despite Soudelor happening and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. reaching out for recovery efforts, the HVAC system project is still continuing," said Warren Villagomez, director for public health and hospital emergency prepared-

ness program at CHCC. "It is coming along smoothly."

It is now more than 60 percent complete and the Division of Public Health office areas is one of those that are already connected to the new system.

"DPH area is now finished and the clinical wards are now the focus for the HVAC system," he said.

The new HVAC system is projected to save the hospital on its utilities costs, boost patient safety for a better climate-controlled environment, and better efficiency whenever the Com-

monwealth Health Center has a high on census.

JWS Air Condition and Refrigeration Ltd. is working on the HVAC systems.

CHCC is looking at a cost savings between 28 to 34 percent in the hospital's current billings with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., according to Villagomez in an earlier interview.

This is on top of the hospital's continued push for a solar power system.

With Gov. Eloy S. Inos signing into law Public Law

18-75, the hospital can now move forward with the solar power system.

P.L. 18-75 seeks to offset the electricity or other utility required for the operations of CHCC and the Public School System, providing a definition for net metering and prioritize the interconnection with net metering for health and education renewable energy capacity at CUC.

"Despite undertaking energy efficient and demand-side activities, such as turning off the lights at night, implementing

energy efficiency projects such as selecting a cost-effective HVAC system for the hospital and swapping out its light bulbs that draw less power, it is still necessary to continue to move forward with photovoltaic solar power system and lessen the cost of utility expenses to CHCC," CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna said.

"To do this, CHCC applied and was awarded a competitive grant from Office of Insular Affairs. However, the CNMI needed a clear and unequivocal policy to ensure that the benefits

of renewable energy can be harnessed for the public good. P.L. 18-75 clearly establishes such a policy and savings from paying this high cost as a result of using alternative energy can be directed to maintain and improve health care for every child and adult in the CNMI," she added.

On May 21, 2014, OIA approved a \$560,000 grant to CHCC for its solar power system with net metering.

CHCC intends to loan money to purchase PV solar panels at the CHCC buildings and parking lot areas, and to interconnect the power generated through net metering to the CUC power grid.



DOING THEIR PART

Kan Pacific, which operates the Mariana Resort and Spa, lead the cleanup with the Talaabwog Stars Association at the Tanapag Village last Aug. 28 and 29. Mariana Resort & Spa and Talaabwogh Stars distributed water, blankets, and towels to the people of the village.

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Life & Style

Shia LaBeouf says from now on he's only working with friends

VENICE, Italy (AP)—Shia LaBeouf says his new film, "Man Down," helped him get back on track.

The actor plays a traumatized U.S. Marine searching for his estranged wife and son after cataclysm strikes in the thriller "Man Down," which is competing in the Venice Film Festival's Horizons section for new discoveries.

Despite its blood-and-guts drama, LaBeouf and director Dito Montiel say "Man Down" isn't a war story, but the tale of a man trying to get his son back—almost a post-apocalyptic "Kramer vs. Kramer."

It's LaBeouf's second film with director Montiel, after

2006 drama "A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints," and he says the script came at exactly the right time.

"He came to my house when I was in a really low place and offered it to me like therapy, like 'here's a healing process so we can jump into together and get well,'" LaBeouf told reporters in Venice on Sunday.

The 29-year-old "Transformers" star has made headlines with a series of bizarre escapades—including yelling from the audience during a Broadway show and wearing a paper bag on his head to a movie premiere—and has been treated for an alcohol problem.

From now on, he says he's

only working with "friends."

"I want to work with people that I have a connection with," LaBeouf said. "I think for a while I was chasing the 10 list, right? The 10 directors you want to work with—and that didn't fare well for me."

"I do much better with loving, familial environments where you feel like you can fail and the dude will get you on the other side. So I'm trying to make friends now and work with those people."

The same goes for actors. LaBeouf calls Gary Oldman, who plays a military counsellor in Montiel's film, "the greatest actor alive."

"He's my hero, I love him,"

said LaBeouf, who also appeared with Oldman in 2012 bootlegger drama "Lawless."

"I do anything he tells me. I follow him around like a weirdo. I hear he's going to sound mix or something and I'll just show up and dude's looking at me like 'what are you doing here?' because I've already seen the sound mix but I'm back there and go 'Hey, what's up Gary? Looking at sound mix huh?'"

AP

Actor Shia La Beouf poses for photographers at the red carpet for the film Man Down, at the 72nd edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. The 72nd edition of the festival runs until Sept. 12.



Beyonce offers female empowerment themes at Philly show



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Beyoncé sang her usual hits, changed multiple times and hit high notes at the Budweiser Made In America music festival in Philadelphia.

She also pulled more than ever from her Destiny's Child catalog, interpolated inspirational words from Maya Angelou and UFC fighter Ronda Rousey and told the feverish

audience near the end of her 90-minute set: "I am so, so happy to celebrate my birthday with y'all."

Beyoncé, who turned 34 on Friday, headlined the first night of her husband's two-day music festival held on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Though Jay Z didn't join the pop diva onstage Saturday night, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Wil-

liams' presence was felt. This Feb. 10, 2015, file photo shows Beyonce, right, performing with Ed Sheeran during Stevie Wonder: Songs in the Key of Life - An All-Star Grammy Salute, at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

liams' presence was felt.

Sporting a light pink leotard and red knee-high boots, Beyoncé kicked off her set with a slow rendition of "Crazy In Love." It eventually hit its normal tempo, but later she wove in "Bootylicious." And throughout her set, the audience watched her energetically perform "Say My Name," "Jumpin' Jumpin'" and dance slickly to lyrics from "Independent Women Part I."

"Where my survivors at?" she yelled before performing "Survivor."

"Shout-out to my girl Kelly, I love you. My girl Michelle, I love you," she said. "If you survived bad relationships, if you survived illnesses. When it gets tough, that's when you work

harder."

Beyoncé offered words of encouragement and empowerment, per usual, to the crowd of screaming fans. She took it to a new level when a background dancer moved beautifully to the words of Angelou's classic "Phenomenal Woman" in between songs, and the audience screamed loudly as recent words from Rousey blasted from the speakers about girls who fall under the category of "do-nothing chicks."

"The kind of chick that just tries to be pretty and be taken care of by someone else. That's why I think it's hilarious if my body looks masculine or something like that. Listen, just because my body was developed for a purpose other than (sleeping with) millionaires doesn't mean it's masculine," said Rousey, who also appeared on the large screen. "There's not a single muscle on my body that isn't for a purpose, because I'm not a do-nothing (chick)."

Restaurant famous for 'Kitchen Nightmares' appearance closes

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—A Phoenix-area restaurant that became notorious after the owners were seen yelling at unhappy customers and pocketing employees' tips during an episode of the Fox reality show, "Kitchen Nightmares," has closed.

The Arizona Republic reports that Amy's Baking Company in Scottsdale closed last week.

A phone number listed for the restaurant appeared to be disconnected.

Co-owner Amy Bouzaglo

told The Associated Press in July that she and husband Samy Bouzaglo were in final negotiations to sell the property.

Bouzaglo said she planned to focus on making desserts other restaurants and instructional cooking videos.

She said the decision had nothing to do with publicity from the show.

The couple drew outrage and ridicule on social media after appearing with chef Gordon Ramsay in a May 2013 episode of the show.

Mom's surprise pregnancy is not pleasant one for her girls

DEAR ABBY: I am 44 and my husband of 20 years is 48. On a recent second honeymoon trip to Sweden, I became pregnant. We already have two beautiful, intelligent daughters, 17 and 14. One started university this fall while the other's a high school sophomore.

My problem is not so much the high-risk pregnancy, but rather that both of my girls strongly oppose the idea of us keeping the baby. Not only were they not thrilled when I broke the news to them, but they also cried.

My younger daughter is now giving me the cold shoulder. She doesn't like change and thinks having a sibling will disrupt our life. My older girl said she is glad she will be at the university so she won't have to have anything to do with the baby.

I am deeply hurt by their reactions. I need help to talk to them. Please give me some advice.

EXPECTING IN CANADA

DEAR EXPECTING: Far more important than how your immature and self-centered daughters feel about your pregnancy is how you and your husband feel about it. Teenagers don't like to consider their parents as sexual beings, which may be part of the reason for their reaction.

Not knowing your girls, I'm not sure what they need to hear other than you love them and hope at some point they will be-

come mature enough to accept the situation. But do not allow them to put you on the defensive. You don't owe them an apology. As a matter of fact, they owe you and their father one.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law was in a car accident a few months ago and her car was totaled. Since then, my husband takes her food shopping and wherever else she has to go. She has made no effort to buy a new car. She's content with calling him for every need.

She wasn't injured and she isn't disabled. If she doesn't want to do something, her excuse is, "I'm an old lady. I can't do it." It's annoying. She doesn't come visit or call to check on us. She makes us feel like our family has to do everything for her—while she claims she's "independent."

This has been an issue for a while and I'm sick of it. I suggested she do her grocery shopping online and have it delivered to her house. Once again, she gave the same excuse.

I think she needs a man so I can have my husband back. What do you think?

OVER IT IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR OVER IT: From the tone of your last remark it's clear you and your mother-in-law aren't close and probably never were. Philadelphia has a very large transit system. Surely there is alternate transportation for her—buses, taxis, Uber

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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and Lyft come to mind. If she was so traumatized by the accident that she's afraid to get behind the wheel again, she may need a therapist to overcome it.

Whatever the reason, this won't stop until you and your husband quit enabling her. Give her a list of what's available and "suggest" she use it the next time she calls wanting a ride. If she needs groceries, offer to order them online for her yourself if she isn't computer literate. And your husband should also offer to help her find a new car.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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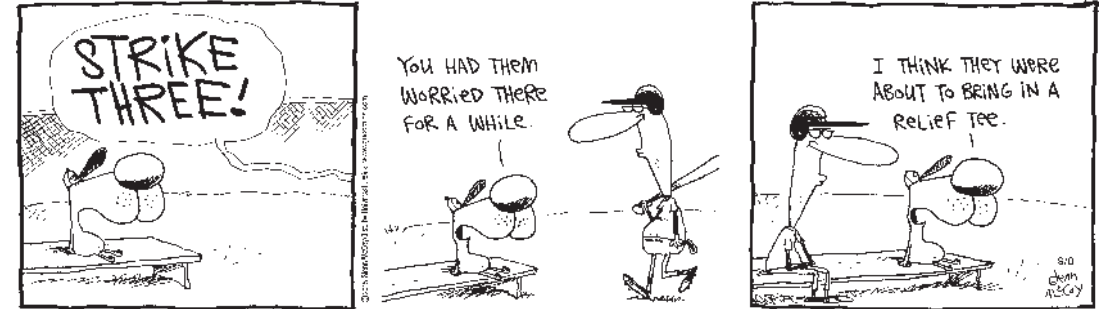
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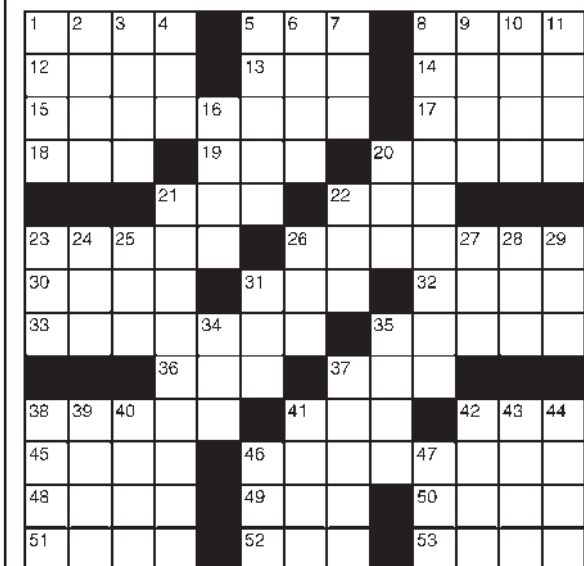
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will gain more by being nice than by being stern. Keep in mind that not everyone is as quick as you are. Patience will be required if you want help. Discuss your plans with your partner or business associate. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look at the big picture, but don't exceed your budget. You'll face opposition if you try to make physical changes. Focus on getting along with the people you live with. Compromise and taking care of your responsibilities will ease tension. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take on too much or indulge in something that will make you look or feel bad. Put more into home, family and affection toward the people you enjoy being with most. A change of location will do you good. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Uncertainty will take over if you allow someone to put you in a vulnerable position.

Don't put up with pushy behavior. Take a course or research something that interests you. Avoid anyone who is trying to bait you into a disagreement. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money matters will take an unusual twist. Don't leave cash or valuables out in the open. Kindness and generosity will lead to loss. Put your skills to work in a progressive fashion and you will advance. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use old ideas and skills in an interesting manner. Take on less responsibility and make sure that whatever you do, you do it superbly. A sudden change in financial, legal or health matters will lead to an important decision. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let minor setbacks put you at a disadvantage. Set reasonable goals and don't worry about what anyone else thinks. Stay on track and avoid any emotional disputes. Only offer help to those you know will reciprocate. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Business trips will give you reason to celebrate. A positive change at home and to your reputation is within reach. A proposal you cannot turn down is heading your way. Prepare to negotiate and get what you want in writing. ★★★★★

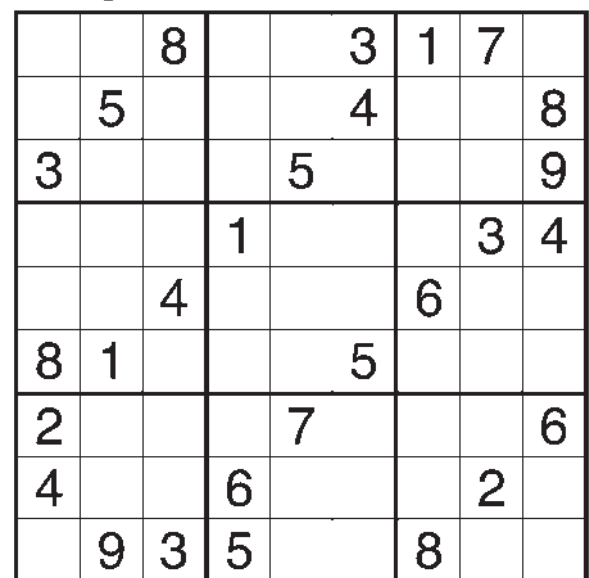
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Precision, coupled with facts and figures, will be the only way to operate today.

Know exactly what you will get before you make any offers. Risky joint ventures are best avoided. Invest in yourself. ★★

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By Dave Green

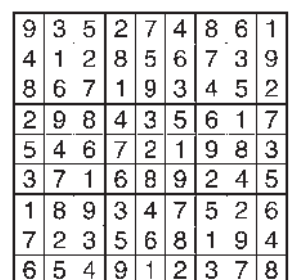


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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't overanalyze. Focus on what you know and do well and make deals that are precise and non-negotiable. A partnership can bring you good fortune if it's set up fairly. Don't make any impulsive decisions or travel to unsafe territory. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make love, romance and social activities a priority. Share your thoughts and flesh out how others feel about you and your plans. A personal change can be made, but hold off if you are thinking about a vocational move. ★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take action with confidence and the outcome will be stellar. Use your unique qualities to draw reactions and responses from those you want to interact with. You will be pleasantly surprised by the input and offers you receive. ★★★★★

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Serena beats Keys to set up US Open QF vs. Venus



NEW YORK (AP)—No reason for any extra practice after this performance by Serena Williams.

Plus, it's not as if she needs to study too hard to figure out how to deal with her next opponent.

Playing the best she has been during this U.S. Open as she chases a calendar-year Grand Slam, Williams set up a quarterfinal against older sister Venus by making only six unforced errors in a 6-3, 6-3 victory over 19th-seeded Madison Keys on Sunday.

Looking ahead, No. 1 Serena described No. 23 Venus this way: "It's like playing a mirror."

Serena took only 68 minutes to dismiss Keys, a 20-year-old American with formidable serves and forehands who simply was outplayed.

Already a winner of the past four major tournaments, including last year's U.S. Open, Serena is trying to become the first tennis player to win all four in the same season since Steffi Graf in 1988.

Asked why it's been so long since anyone else pulled off a true Grand Slam, Serena paused for effect, smiled and answered: "I don't know why it took me so long."

Standing in the way at the moment is Venus. This will be the 27th all-Williams match over their long and successful careers, and Serena leads 15-11, including 8-5 at majors. Each has beaten the other twice at the U.S. Open, with Venus winning the 2001 final and Serena the 2002 final.

"It's about, of course, forgetting that



Serena Williams, of the United States, bounces a tennis ball before serving to Madison Keys, of the United States, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015, in New York.

she's playing Venus," said Serena's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou.

Venus, at 35 the oldest woman in the tournament, was on court even less time than her sibling on Sunday, overwhelming 19-year-old qualifier Anett Kontaveit of Estonia 6-2, 6-1 in 50 minutes.

Venus, of course, knows full well the challenge that awaits Tuesday.

"What else can you do, except try to win the point and hope she doesn't hit an ace?" said Venus, who lost in the

third round or earlier at each of the past four U.S. Opens.

The sisters' mother, Oracene Price, said she wouldn't attend the quarterfinal.

As for whether Venus will be in a tough spot—hoping to win, yet also well aware of what her sibling is pursuing—Price said: "I know it's going to be hard, because I know (Venus) wants (Serena) to get it."

Another women's fourth-round match scheduled for Sunday was scratched when 25th-seeded Eugenie

Bouchard withdrew with a concussion, two days after slipping and falling in the locker room. That allowed Roberta Vinci of Italy to advance to the quarterfinals against Kristina Mladenovic.

Two men's matchups in the round of eight are set: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 18 Feliciano Lopez, and defending champion Marin Cilic vs. No. 19 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Djokovic lost a set for the first time this tournament - and responded by stomping on a racket while it leaned on

his red bag next to a changeover chair, earning a warning from the chair umpire. But he reached the quarterfinals at a 26th consecutive major by beating 23rd-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 at night.

Serena acknowledged having a bout with the jitters entering her second-round match, when she wound up double-faulting 10 times and made another two dozen unforced errors against a qualifier ranked 110th. Afterward, she took pointers from Mouratoglou and went to the practice court right away.

In the third round, against someone ranked 101st, Serena dropped the first set and was two games from defeat in the second before turning things around. Again, she put in more work to fix things.

"I was like, 'Serena, it's now or never. You've got to get that serve together,'" she said after winning 22 of 28 first-serve points and never facing a break point against Keys.

And what about heading back out for a training session with Mouratoglou?

"No, not today," Serena said. "I'm going to take the rest of the day off and relax and just enjoy it."

Keys played well, too, at the outset, and appeared relaxed, managing to smile after miscues. But at the first moment of any real tension, down 15-30 on her serve while trailing 4-3, Keys blinked, double-faulting twice.

Some terrific returning by Serena in the second set kept the heat on Keys.

"I think I served pretty well. I think she returned better," Keys said. "To beat Serena when she's playing well, you have to do a lot of things great."

Blue Jays hit 3 homers in 10-4 victory over Orioles



TORONTO (AP)—Troy Tulowitzki, Jose Bautista and Kevin Pillar homered against Chris Tillman as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-4 on Sunday.

AL East-leading Toronto improved to 78-58, becoming the first team since the 2004 Astros to reach 20 games above .500 after having a losing record following the All-Star break.

Toronto was 50-51 on July 28, the day after the Blue Jays acquired Tulowitzki from Colorado. Two days later, Toronto added left-hander David Price in a deal with Detroit.

Yankees 6, Rays 4

In New York, Brian McCann and Alex Rodriguez hit back-to-back homers off All-Star Chris Archer that sent New York past Tampa Bay.

Ivan Nova (6-7) pitched six solid innings to stop a three-start losing streak and help the Yankees take two of three in the series. New York, which leads the American League wild-card chase, remained 1 1/2 games behind Toronto in the AL East.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Gerrit Cole pitched seven scoreless innings as Pittsburgh used home runs from Aramis Ramirez, Sean Rodriguez and Starling Marte to beat St. Louis.

Cole (16-8) gave up two hits, struck out seven and walked three as he bounced back from his worst start of the season.

Second-place Pittsburgh cut the

Cardinals' lead in the NL Central to 5 1/2 games and earned its first series victory at Busch Stadium since April 2013. The teams are 8-8 against each other with one series to play at Pittsburgh in the final week of the season.

Marlins 4, Mets 3

In Miami, Martin Prado hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Miami a victory over the New York Mets.

New York's lead in the NL East was shaved to four games over the Nationals heading into a pivotal three-game series between the teams beginning Monday afternoon in Washington.

Nationals 8, Braves 4

In Washington, Bryce Harper homered for the third straight day as Washington beat lowly Atlanta to finish a four-game sweep.

Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer in Washington's five-run second inning, helping the Nationals to their fifth straight win and seventh in nine games overall. Yunel Escobar had three hits and scored two runs.

Cubs 6, Diamondbacks 4

In Chicago, Kris Bryant homered high off the left-field video board to equal a club rookie record for RBIs, and Miguel Montero hit a grand slam as Chicago defeated Arizona to complete a three-game sweep.

Bryant's drive leading off the fifth against Rubby De La Rosa (12-7) traveled an estimated 495 feet. It also gave him 86 RBIs, matching a club

rookie mark held by Hall of Famer Billy Williams (1961) and Geovany Soto (2008).

Astros 8, Twins 5

In Houston, Jed Lowrie hit a grand slam in a five-run seventh inning and Dallas Keuchel became the American League's first 17-game winner as the Astros rallied past the Twins.

The Astros trailed by 1 when Lowrie hit his second career grand slam and his first since 2009 into the second row in right field off Trevor May (8-9) to make it 5-2. May dropped his head when Lowrie connected and shook it as he bounded around the bases and into a celebration at home plate.

Angels 7, Rangers 0

In Anaheim, California, Mike Trout ended a career-worst 27-game home run drought and Hector Santiago pitched six innings of one-hit ball for his first victory in seven weeks as the Angels beat the Rangers to give manager Mike Scioscia his 1,400th regular-season win.

Scioscia, who has guided the Angels to six AL West championships and a World Series title during his 16 seasons in the job, surpassed Wilbert Robertson for 27th place on the career win list and became the 10th manager to reach 1,400 victories with one club.

White Sox 7, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Missouri, Adam Eaton homered and scored three times as Chicago beat Kansas City for its fourth straight win.

Eaton had three hits and is batting .517 (15 for 29) in his last seven games. Erik Johnson (1-0), one of Chicago's top prospects, pitched six innings of three-run ball in his first major league appearance this season. He allowed five hits, including homers by Salvador Perez, Jarrod Dyson and Mike Moustakas.

Dodgers 5, Padres 1

In San Diego, A.J. Ellis had an RBI single and the Dodgers capitalized on some sloppy defense as Los Angeles beat San Diego.

Ellis put Los Angeles ahead 2-1 with a sharp single to left in the sixth.

With the bases loaded in the seventh, Padres reliever Nick Vincent had a two-out, three-base throwing error after fielding Andre Ethier's dribbler up the first base line. Vincent tossed it over first baseman Wil Myers' head, allowing three runs to score.

Giants 7, Rockies 4

In Debver, Buster Posey connected for his 100th career home run and Matt Duffy hit a tiebreaking two-run triple in a five-run fifth, backing a gritty effort from Madison Bumgarner as San Francisco beat Colorado.

Bumgarner (17-7) went six innings and allowed four runs and nine hits, twice working out of bases loaded situations and escaping with marginal damage. He walked one and struck out three in helping the Giants salvage a split of the four-game set with the Rockies and win successive games on the road for the first time in a month.

Indians 4, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Cody Anderson threw seven innings of two-hit ball to outpitch Justin Verlander as Cleveland beat slumping Detroit.

Francisco Lindor snapped a scoreless tie with a two-run triple in the sixth, helping the Indians win for the eighth time in 11 games. Anderson (3-3) walked two and struck out three.

Reds 6, Brewers 3

In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce homered and drove in three runs and Michael Lorenzen won for the first time in more than two months as Cincinnati beat Milwaukee to avoid a sweep.

Brandon Phillips also homered and had three hits for the Reds, who overcame Ryan Braun's 25th homer in the eighth inning to end Milwaukee's six-game winning streak.

Red Sox 6, Phillies 2

In Boston, David Ortiz hit his 497th home run to get Boston's offense started, and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched seven solid innings as the Red Sox completed a three-game sweep of Philadelphia.

It was Big Papi's 200th career homer in Fenway Park. The 39-year-old slugger is looking to become the 27th player to reach the 500-homer mark.

Mariners 3, Athletics 2

In Oakland, California, Hisashi Iwakuma won for the fifth time in six starts as Seattle earned its fifth straight victory, completing a three-game sweep of Oakland.

Kyle Seager and Ketel Marte each drove in a run, and Brad Miller collected two hits for the Mariners.

Labor Day softball tourney cancelled

The scheduled Labor Day Softball Tournament will be rescheduled after further notice, according to organizer Froilan Camacho Jr.

Camacho, a baseball manager and coach of the Jets in the Saipan Little League and the Saipan Baseball League, did not give details of the cancellation.

Saipan still recovering from the destruction brought by Typhoon Soudelor could be the main reason.

The weekend tournament was scheduled from Sept. 4 to 6 at the Capital Hill softball field.

Camacho made an early announcement in May and July to give interested teams ample time to prepare their respective rosters. Registration fee is \$150.

Fourteen slots in the men's and six in the women's side were allotted for the teams.

The three-day tournament, once it pushes through, will follow a double-elimination round format where official rules of International Softball Federation will be followed.

Trophy, cash, and other special prizes await the winning team.

For more information on the cancellation, call Camacho at 6642814 or email him at camacho_775@hotmail.com. (Jon Perez)

Coach Seki: Less talk, more work

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi talks less, but has done a lot to CNMI football.

NMIFA officials, during a send-off ceremony to three CNMI national teams—two of which will be coached by Sekiguchi—acknowledged the technical director's significant contributions to the Commonwealth football since joining the group more than two years ago.

"Coach Seki has done a lot for us from coaching and training our players to bringing teams to play against us. He was also responsible for helping us secure a sponsorship deal with Soccer Junky for our national teams uniform and recently he made it possible for our U19 team to have a training camp," NMIFA president Jerry Tan said last Saturday during the send-off ceremony for the CNMI U14, U16, and U19



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NMIFA technical director and CNMI coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi addresses the crowd during a send-off ceremony for the three national squads last Saturday at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.

teams at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.

Tan was talking of the U19 squad's five-day training camp (Sept. 20 to 25) in Chonburi, Thailand, where the CNMI will have a scrimmage against a local club before heading to Bangkok for the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers. Sekiguchi, who is well-known in the Japan football community and in Asia after having served as technical director of Laos and coach of several Japanese squads before tak-

ing the top coaching post in the CNMI, pulled the right strings to arrange a training camp for his U19 players.

"We never had a training camp for our national team before. It is something that we wanted to have in the past several years, but it's not that easy because of the logistics and proper connections involved. But, coach Seki made it happen for us and we would like to thank him for all his efforts and making sure our players get the right

opportunity and exposure," Tan said.

Tan also shared how Sekiguchi helped three Hong Kong players suit up in Japan's women's pro league, the J League 2. The NMIFA president said Sekiguchi arranged for the three players to try out for Japan Soccer College and eventually they were signed to play for the team.

"The three players made headlines in Hong Kong for one week. Thanks to coach Seki for helping them get this opportunity. I am sure coach Seki will do the same for our players, so work hard, play hard, and do your best," Tan said, addressing members of the three national teams.

Sekiguchi, who as expected delivered a brief message to the CNMI national team players, told them to play not only for themselves and the CNMI, but also for those who did not make the team and for their parents.

"Thank you to the parents for bringing your kids to practice every day and sometimes two times a day. To the players, play your best and enjoy the tournament," Sekiguchi said.

Brady wants to move on from 'Deflategate'



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Patriots quarterback Tom Brady just wants to move on.

Making his first public comments since the "Deflategate" court ruling, Brady said he is focused on preparing for Thursday's game against Pittsburgh. He also recognized his family, friends and Patriots owner Bob Kraft for their support.

"Everything that's happened over the past seven months, obviously I have a lot of personal feelings, but I really don't care to share many of those," Brady said Sunday.

"I really care to think about what I need to do going forward. We've got a lot of guys in this locker room who

worked really hard to get to this point, and so have I, and I'm excited to be able to go out there and do it."

Brady's four-game suspension for his role in using underinflated footballs during the AFC championship game was overturned Thursday by a federal judge who criticized NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell for going what he said was "far beyond" the investigative conclusions of attorney Ted Wells.

Brady said the NFL's decision to appeal the ruling is "their choice."

"I think that's just part of this process," he said. "My part is to get ready to play football, and that's what I'm really excited to do."

It could take months for the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear the

case because the league would have to show it would suffer irreparable harm to speed up the timetable.

Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl win over Seattle on Feb. 1, but the "Deflategate" saga dominated headlines all the way into the start of this season. The star quarterback has insisted he played no role in a conspiracy to deflate footballs below the allowable limit at last season's AFC championship, a 45-7 rout of the Indianapolis Colts.

Two Patriots employees—officials' locker room attendant Jim McNally and equipment assistant John Jastremski—were suspended for their role in the deflated balls.

"I certainly feel terrible for them

that they're not able to be with us right now," Brady said.

Asked if he had been in contact with either man, Brady declined to answer.

"Those are very personal things," he said. "They've been obviously put through a lot, as my family has, and I think that's a challenging part. I think right now for me I've got to think about what I need to do to help this team win, and that's be the best quarterback I can be."

The ruling means Brady will get to celebrate with the rest of the team when the Patriots raise their championship banner Thursday night. The Patriots have said they would have changed the ceremony if the Super Bowl MVP had been suspended.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	78	58	.574	—
New York	76	59	.563	1½
Tampa Bay	67	69	.493	11
Baltimore	65	71	.478	13
Boston	64	72	.471	14

Central Division

Kansas City	82	54	.603	—
Minnesota	70	66	.515	12
Cleveland	66	69	.489	15½
Chicago	65	70	.481	16½
Detroit	62	74	.456	20

West Division

Houston	75	62	.547	—
Texas	71	64	.526	3
Los Angeles	69	67	.507	5½
Seattle	66	71	.482	9
Oakland	58	79	.423	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	75	61	.551	—
Washington	71	65	.522	4
Miami	57	80	.416	18½
Atlanta	54	83	.394	21½
Philadelphia	53	84	.387	22½

Central Division

St. Louis	87	49	.640	—
Pittsburgh	81	54	.600	5½
Chicago	78	57	.578	8½
Milwaukee	60	76	.441	27
Cincinnati	56	79	.415	30½

West Division

Los Angeles	78	58	.574	—
San Francisco	71	66	.518	7½
Arizona	65	72	.474	13½
San Diego	65	72	.474	13½
Colorado	56	80	.412	22

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to score after that.

The Saipan-born athlete, during the play, ran toward Falk and Madison tried desperately to block him and protect their quarterback. Talalemotu escaped Madison's clutches to bring down Falk.

Talalemotu's defensive play happened in the Cougars' first and 15 at the Vikings' 45-yard line in the 2:11 mark of the first quarter with Washington State holding on to a 3-0 lead. The

Cougars lost 10 yards in that play.

"Our first game was unreal. I still can't believe it," said the Portland Vikings junior in a message to the *Saipan Tribune*. "It was the first time we beat a Pac 12 school and yes I started."

The 22-year-old added that he dedicated his performance and Portland State's win to Saipan, which was still recovering after being pummeled by Typhoon Soudelor last month.

"I did it for all the people back home and I'm glad they mentioned Saipan! So, stay strong Saipan!" added the

trust each other, work together, and keep that team spirit high to get the best results in every game," said Lee, who is now in Beijing with the rest of the team after leaving Saipan last Sunday.

The squad will play its first game to-

former third team All-Metro League member while playing for Beaverton High School.

It was the Vikings' season opener and first win against a Pac-12 team after 15 attempts. Portland State is one of the 12 members of the Big Sky Conference, which was initially conceived for basketball.

Damian Lillard of the Portland Trail Blazers and Rodney Stuckey of the Indiana Pacers, and former Cleveland Cavalier and Alba Berlin mainstay in the Bundesliga Will Cherry are some

morrow, but its complete schedule is not yet available as participating teams still need to hold a meeting this afternoon.

Meanwhile, besides Guam, Chinese-Taipei, and Macau, the CNMI may also play against South Korea, North

of the top basketball products of BSC.

The Pac-12 is known as the Conference of Championships after winning more NCAA National team titles than any other conference in history. UCLA, Stanford, and USC are the three Pac-12 schools with the most NCAA team championships.

Washington State is part of the NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision or formerly known as Division I-A, which is the most competitive subdivision composed of the nation's top programs spread out in 10 conferences.

Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, and the host country.

"The Koreans, Japan, Hong Kong, and China are the top teams in the tournament and we have to be in our best form to give them a good fight," Lee said.

WAG

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Wag Kang Pabebe played in the curtain-raiser last Sunday and eked out a 45-44 victory over Eh Di Wow, while Oh My J was way ahead of Purple Rain, 34-17, in their last Saturday match that was suspended after the first half due to the unplayable venue (no lights).

Christian Devero top-scored in Wag Kang Pabebe's second victory in three games, but baskets from Brendon Ta-

lania and Ariel Abadilla in the closing minutes of the match lifted the team to the 1-point win. Tania, who missed the entire first half, drilled 5 of Wag Kang Pabebe's last 7 points, while Abadilla knocked in the other 2 markers.

Without Tania, the team's top scorer in the last two games, Wag Kang Pabebe faced a 17-21 deficit at the break. Lerio Pagarao powered Eh Di Wow to a 4-point advantage after the first 20 minutes of play, as he drilled 8 points in the opening half and

won the exchange against Christian Devero, who kept Wag Kang Pabebe afloat with his 7 points.

Devero continued to carry the cudgels for Wag Kang Pabebe and drew some help from fellow starter Oscar Mina Jr. The duo combined for Wag Kang Pabebe's first 10 points before Tania reported for the game to provide more scoring options for the team. Tania contributed 9 points, making his first basket in the match from downtown and later the go-ahead field

goal to hand Eh Di Wow its fourth loss in as many games.

Meanwhile, Nate Mateo scored 12 points in the first half, as Oh My J doubled up Purple Rain in their suspended match last Saturday.

Four other Oh My J players contributed at least two baskets apiece to take the double-digit spread, heading into the last 20 minutes of the game, which will resume once all nine teams have completed four games.

Pending the results of its duel against

Purple Rain, Oh My J holds a 1-1 record, the same mark Purple Rain has. Oh My J will shoot for win No. 2 when it takes on the unbeaten Makalalo Lang (3-0) tomorrow at 5:30pm.

Wag Kang Pabebe 45 — C. Devero 16, Tania 9, Mina 7, M. Devero 4, Woodson 4, Tolosa 3, Abadilla 2.

Eh Di Wow 44 — Pagarao 16, J. Reyes 8, Itaas 6, Santos 6, Cortes 4, Corpuz 2, A. Reyes 2.

Scoring by halves: 17-21, 45-44.



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Vali's sack makes ESPN highlight



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Savali Talalemotu remains on a high after his defensive play made it on one of the highlight videos of ESPN.go.com in Portland State University Vikings' upset win over Pacific 12 Conference member Washington State University Cougars last Saturday.

Portland State's 24-17 victory was also historic as it marked the first time that the Vikings have beaten a Pac-12 squad. It was also the third time in PSU's football program history that they defeated an NCAA Division I-A team.



Talalemotu, who also played high school basketball for the Kagman Ayuyus, sacked Cougars quarterback

Luke Falk and in the process forced the fumble. Washington State right tackle Cole Madison recovered the fumble but failed

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Savali Talalemotu's defensive stop on Washington State University quarterback Luke Falk, captured in this screen grab, made special mention of Saipan.

CNMI aims for wins vs Guam, Macau

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The CNMI U14 National Team must draw inspiration from the Commonwealth's earlier wins in Asian Football Confederation tournaments when they compete in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 beginning tomorrow in Beijing, China.

"When the CNMI played in the festival in 2012, they were able to win against Chinese-Taipei and Macau. If that team did it three years ago, our team today is also capable of winning this year," said assistant coach Wai Wo Lee in an interview



with Saipan Tribune after the send-off ceremony for the U14 squad and the CNMI's U16 and U19 teams last Saturday at lobby of Kanoa Resort.

Lee was talking of the CNMI's 2-0 victory over Chinese-Taipei during the AFC U14 Boys' Festival of Football for East Asia, which was incidentally also held in Beijing, China in 2012. The other victory against Macau had the CNMI scoring one goal against none from the former Portuguese colony.

"I believe we have a strong

chance of beating Macau again. Our boys just need to have confidence that they can do it and follow what have they been doing in our training sessions," said Lee, who will assist coach and Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong technical school Luam Khen Koo in handling the 19-player squad.

Lee also likes the team's chances against Guam.

"In 2013, the CNMI beat Guam in the AFC U14 Championship 2014 Qualifiers so I don't see any reason why our team today can't do that again," Lee added

The 2013 selection won over Guam, 1-0, off Sunjoon Tenorio's

goal. Tenorio has moved up to the CNMI's U16 squad, but some of his teammates on that group are again suiting up for the Commonwealth's U14 crew. They are goalie Clayton Izuka, Code Leon, Cole Chambers, Logan Mister, and David Mafnas. Completing the squad are John Joseph Bucayo, Sebastian Manabat, Dai Podziewski, Leandro Bichayda, Jonathan Capayas, Joshua Abagan, Joshua De Leon, Andruw Omelau, Edward Joon Cho, Jonah Pohl, Mark Esalan, Thaiph Austria, and John Michael Rojas.

"Most of these players have been to competitions outside of

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Members and officials of the CNMI U14 National Team and NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka, standing left, pose for a group photo during the send-off ceremony for squad last Saturday at the lobby of Kanoa Resort.



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Purple Rain's Rey Deleon Guerrero, right, taps out a pass intended for Oh My J's Junar Guiab during the first half of their suspended game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.

Wag Kang Pabebe wins, Oh My J ahead

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Wag Kang Pabebe secured its second win, while Oh My J enjoyed a comfortable lead as these two teams saw action



in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT & E Inter-Color Basketball League over the weekend at the Navy Hill court.

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